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Deadly storm moves cross country taking aim at Northeast

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
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NEW YORK (AP) — A deadly winter storm that has been tormenting travelers across the U.S. since before Thanksgiving moved to the Northeast on Sunday, packing one last punch of snow and ice as people made their way home after the holiday weekend. The National Weather Service predicted more than a foot (0.3 meters) of snow in swaths of upstate New York and New England,

as well as ice accumulations in parts of Pennsylvania. "We've got our shovels ready. We've got the snowblower ready. We're prepared," said Paul Newman of Wethersfield, Connecticut. The same storm has been pummeling the U.S. for days as it moves cross country, dumping heavy snow from parts of California to the northern Midwest and inundating other areas with rain.

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In this Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019 photo, the last of fall's leaves cling to the trees as snow gathers in Glenbrook Basin in Grass Valley, Calif.

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It has been blamed for several deaths.

The bodies of a boy and a girl, both 5, were found in central Arizona after their vehicle was swept away Friday while crossing a swollen creek.

Two adults and four other children were rescued by helicopter, but a 6-year-old girl is still missing. Rescuers are combing the area of Tonto Basin, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northeast of Phoenix, with helicopters, drones, boats and dogs.

"We want to bring her home safely to her family," said Lt. Virgil Dodd of the Gila County Sheriff's Office. "She needs to come home today, and we're going to do that."

Two boys, ages 5 and 8, died Saturday near Patton, Missouri, when the vehicle they were riding in was swept off flooded roads.

A 48-year-old man died in a separate incident near Sedgewickville, Missouri, and a storm-related death was reported in South Dakota.

Also in South Dakota, a small-engine plane carrying 12 people crashed shortly after takeoff Saturday afternoon, killing nine people and injuring three others. Federal aviation investigators are looking into whether snowy weather was a factor.

Major highways reopened Sunday in Wyoming and Colorado, a day after blizzard conditions clogged roads with snow drifts.

Road crews were able to reopen all of Interstate 25 and most of I-80 in Wyoming early Sunday after strong winds abated. Major interstates in Colorado were also reopened.

Still, authorities warned travelers to remain alert for



A woman and a child cross the street while battling the weather on a windy and snowy morning in Greeley, Colo., Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019.

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slick conditions and blowing snow.

The city of Duluth, Minnesota, was blanketed with 21.7 inches (0.6 meters) of snow as of 12 p.m. Sunday. City officials said streets were impassable and residents should stay inside.

Farther south, precipitation was in the form of rain and thunderstorms.

As the storm shifts east, flight delays and cancellations are continuing to pile up — disrupting travelers heading home after Thanksgiving.

As of 12:30 p.m. more than 500 Sunday flights were cancelled in the U.S., compared with about 400 on Saturday, according to flight tracking site FlightAware.

Newark, New Jersey, has had 33 flight cancellations and some inbound planes are being delayed by an average of more than 2 1/2 hours because of the weather.

There were also dozens of

flight delays in Chicago and Minneapolis.

In Denver, 100 flights were canceled Saturday because of high winds.

In the mountain communities northeast of Los Angeles, nearly 9,000 utility customers were without power because of the storm.

Forecasters said a new storm is expected to bring several feet of mountain snow, rain and gusty winds to California through the weekend.

Another system is forecast to develop in the mid-Atlantic Sunday, moving into a nor'easter by Monday.

As Sunday's storm approached, hardy New Englanders made sure to prepared, even if they weren't really that worried.

Some communities, including Waterbury, Connecticut, have instituted parking bans.

Much of interior Massachusetts could get up to a foot of snow.

Boston is projected to get

between 3 and 6 inches of snow, but Mayor Marty Walsh says schools will be open on Monday.

Newman, who braved the forecast to take his son to a college basketball game in Hartford, said it took him about five hours to get new tires Saturday because it

seemed everyone else was doing the same thing.

"I think there's some extra hype on this one because it's the first one of the year," said Justin Bette, of Southbury, Connecticut.

"We've been around for quite a while, we think we'll be OK." □

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Alabama unveils statue of civil rights icon Rosa Parks

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A new statue of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks was dedicated in Alabama's capital city on Sunday, the 64th anniversary of her historic refusal to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man. Montgomery Mayor Steven Reed and Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey pulled back a cloth to unveil the statue before a crowd of about 400 spectators. The ceremony coincided with the anniversary of Parks' Dec. 1, 1955 arrest that sparked the Mont-

gomery Bus Boycott, a pivotal part of the civil rights movement. "This depiction will inspire future generations to make the pilgrimage to our city, to push toward the path of righteousness, strength, courage and equality," Reed, who recently became the first African American mayor of Montgomery, said at the ceremony, according to al.com. Four granite markers near the statue honor plaintiffs in Browder v. Gayle, the court case that determined segrega-

tion on Montgomery buses was unconstitutional. One of the plaintiffs, Mary Louise Smith, took part in the ceremony Sunday. Parks was 92 when she died in 2005. "For the city officials, from the city and the county, to be able to honor Mrs. Parks and honor those plaintiffs, and even more importantly to honor the 40,000 African American men and women who stayed off of the buses for 382 days, it is indeed a step in the right direction," Gray told the Montgomery Advertiser. □



Mary Louise Smith, a plaintiff in the Browder vs. Gayle case that desegregated buses in Montgomery, stands beside the Rosa Parks statue after its unveiling event in downtown Montgomery, Ala., Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, the anniversary of her arrest for not giving up her seat on a city bus.

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White House says it won't participate in impeachment hearing

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House declared Sunday it would not participate in the first impeachment hearings before the House Judiciary Committee as Democrats prepared to approve their report Tuesday making the case for President Donald Trump's removal from office.

The Democratic majority on the House Intelligence Committee says its report will speak for itself in laying out possible charges of bribery or "high crimes and misdemeanors," the constitutional standard for impeachment. After receiving the report, the Judiciary Committee would prepare actual charges.

That committee's first hearing was already set for Wednesday and was expected to feature four legal experts who will examine questions of constitutional grounds as the committee decides whether to write articles of impeachment against Trump, and if so, what those articles would be. The White House was invited to attend the



In this July 25, 2019, file photo, President Donald Trump speaks during a ceremony for new Secretary of Defense Mark Esper at the Pentagon.

Associated Press

Wednesday hearing, but its counsel declined in a fiery letter released Sunday evening. "This baseless and highly partisan inquiry violates all past historical precedent, basic due process rights, and fundamental fairness," said White House counsel Pat Cipollone, continuing the West Wing's attack on the procedural

form of the impeachment proceedings. Trump himself was scheduled to attend a summit with NATO allies outside London on Wednesday. Cipollone's letter applied only to the Wednesday hearing, and he demanded more information from Democrats on how they intended to conduct fur-

ther hearings before Trump would decide whether to participate in those hearings. House-passed rules provide the president and his attorneys the right to cross-examine witnesses and review evidence before the committee, but little ability to bring forward witnesses of their own. Republicans, meanwhile, wanted Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the Intelligence Committee, to testify before the Judiciary Committee, though they have no power to compel him to do so, as they joined the White House effort to try to cast the Democratic-led inquiry as skewed against the Republican president.

"If he chooses not to (testify), then I really question his veracity in what he's putting in his report," said Rep. Doug Collins, the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee.

"It's easy to hide behind a report," Collins added. "But it's going to be another thing to actually get up and have to answer questions." Schiff has said "there's nothing for me to testify about," that he isn't a "fact" witness and that Republicans are only trying to "mollify the president, and that's not a good reason to try to call a member of Congress as a witness." Coming after two weeks of public testimony and two

months of investigation, the findings of the Intelligence Committee report were not yet publicly known. But the report was expected to focus mostly on whether Trump abused his office by withholding military aid approved by Congress and a White House meeting as he pressed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to launch investigations into Trump's political rivals.

Democrats also were expected to include an article on obstruction of Congress that outlines Trump's instructions to officials in his administration to defy subpoenas for documents or testimony. Democrats were aiming for a final House vote by Christmas, which would set the stage for a likely Senate trial in January. "I do believe that all evidence certainly will be included in that report so the Judiciary Committee can make the necessary decisions that they need to," said Rep. Val Demings, D-Fla., a member of both the Intelligence and Judiciary committees.

She said Democrats had not yet finalized witnesses for the upcoming Judiciary hearings and were waiting to hear back from Trump on his plans to present a defense. "If he has not done anything wrong, we're certainly anxious to hear his explanation of that," Demings said.

Trump has previously suggested that he might be willing to offer written testimony under certain conditions, though aides suggested they did not anticipate Democrats would ever agree to them.

"The Democrats are holding the most ridiculous impeachment hearings in history. Read the transcripts, NOTHING was done or said wrong!" Trump tweeted Saturday. Democrats had pressed Trump to decide by Friday whether he would take advantage of due process protections afforded to him under House rules adopted in October for follow-up hearings, including the right to request witness testimony and to cross-examine the witnesses called by the House. □

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Rescuers search for girl, 6, missing after truck swept away

TONTO BASIN, Ariz. (AP) — Nine members of an Arizona family, together for the Thanksgiving holiday, were in an oversized military-style truck when they got stuck in a raging creek swollen by intense runoff from a powerful storm.

Four children and two adults got out and were rescued by helicopter, but three children stayed in the truck and it was later swept away.

Rescuers with helicopters, drones, boats, dogs and an army of volunteers searched frantically Sunday for a 6-year-old girl missing since Friday.

Her brother and cousin, both 5, were found dead on Saturday.

"We want to bring her home safely to her family," said Lt. Virgil Dodd of the Gila County Sheriff's Office. "She needs to come home today, and we're going to do that today."

More than 100 volunteers gathered near Tonto Basin, a small community northeast of Phoenix, early Sunday to help search for the missing girl, Willa Rawlings. The Arizona Republic reported.

"I cannot thank you enough," the girl's uncle, Nathan Sherwood, told the crowd of people ready to help, according to the newspaper.

"This is about the only light in this dark situation."

Volunteers trudged in small groups through the muddy brush, toward the creek, to search for the missing girl, who was last seen wearing jeans and a purple jacket. Willa's parents, Daniel and



This Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019, photo shows the road closed near Bar X road and Tonto Creek after a vehicle was washed by flood waters in Tonto Basin, Ariz.

Associated Press

Lacey Rawlings, both escaped from the truck but their son, Colby Rawlings, and niece, Austin Rawlings, were not in the vehicle when it was pulled from the creek the next day. Their bodies were found about 600 to 1,000 yards (meters) from the failed crossing.

The creek crossing was marked as closed with barricades and signs, authorities said.

A National Weather Service meteorologist said the agency issued a flood warning for the region that

includes the Tonto Basin area at 8:53 a.m. Friday based on data from an upstream flooding gauge.

Meteorologist Sean Benedict in Phoenix estimated that up to 2 inches (5 centimeters) of rain fell in the area, with some of the runoff coming from snow that fell on nearby peaks.

The region got up to 4 inches (10 centimeters) of rain about a week before, Benedict said.

"So the grounds were already pretty wet and that probably helped with the runoff."

Adverse conditions included heavy brush and slippery mud along the creek and frigid water from snowmelt, but officials said they remained hopeful.

Volunteers trudged in small groups through the muddy brush to search for the missing girl, who was last seen wearing jeans and a purple jacket.

"The Rawlings family are a fixture," said David Merrill, one of the volunteers, told The Republic.

"They're the salt of the earth and they have done so much. Little League, school

... volunteers for football ... whatever it took, they've been in the middle of it."

Merrill came with a group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pinetop, about 130 miles (210 kilometers) east of the search area.

"The whole community's rallied around them to show their love and support during this tragedy," he said. Dodd, of the sheriff's office, confirmed Sunday that the number of people rescued Friday night was six after conflicting reports on Saturday. □



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Justices take up gun case, though disputed law has changed

By MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is turning to gun rights for the first time in nearly a decade, even though those who brought the case, New York City gun owners, already have won changes to the regulation they challenged.

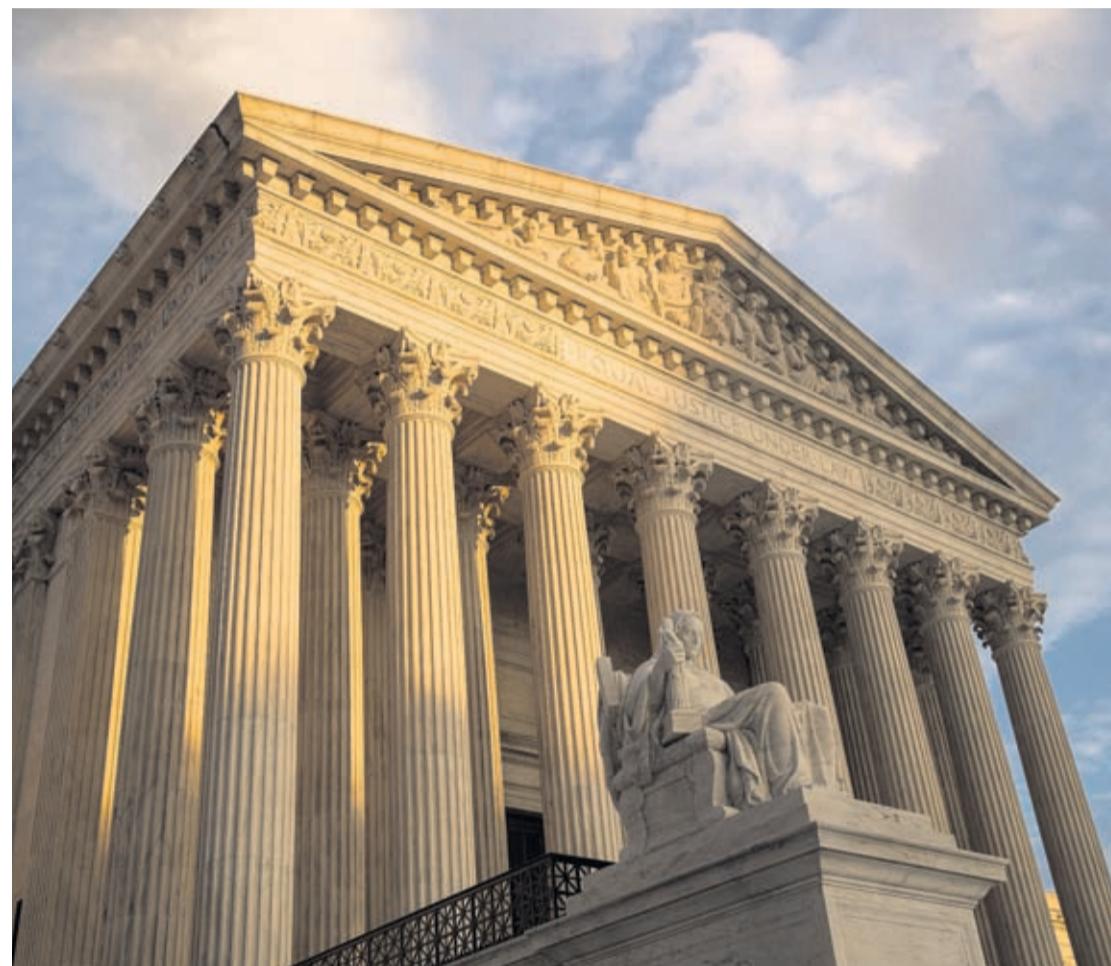
The justices' persistence in hearing arguments Monday despite the city's action has made gun control advocates fearful that the court's conservative majority could use the case to call into question gun restrictions across the country.

Gun rights groups are hoping the high court is on the verge of extending its landmark rulings from 2008 and 2010 that enshrined the right to have a gun for self-defense at home.

For years, the National Rifle Association and its allies had tried to get the court to say more about gun rights, even as mass shootings may have caused the justices to shy away from taking on new disputes over gun limits. Justice Clarence Thomas has been among members of the court who have complained that lower courts are treating the Second Amendment's right to "keep and bear arms" as a second-class right.

The lawsuit in New York began as a challenge to the city's prohibition on carrying a licensed, locked and unloaded handgun outside the city limits, either to a shooting range or a second home.

Lower courts upheld the regulation, but the Supreme Court's decision in January to step into the case signaled a revived interest in gun rights from a court with two new justices, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, both appointees



In this Oct. 10, 2017, file photo, the Supreme Court in Washington, at sunset. The Supreme Court is turning to gun rights for the first time in nearly a decade, even though New York City gun owners already have won changes to a regulation they challenged in court.

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of President Donald Trump. Officials at both the city and state level scrambled to find a way to remove the case from the justices' grasp. Not only did the city change its regulation to allow licensed gun owners to transport their weapons to locations outside New York's five boroughs, but the state enacted a law barring cities from imposing the challenged restrictions. "There is no case or controversy because New York City has repealed the ordinance and the New York state Legislature has acted to make sure it remains repealed," said Jonathan Lowy, chief counsel and vice president of the gun control group Brady's legal action project. But those moves failed to get the court to dismiss

the case, although the justices are likely to ask at arguments about whether there's anything left for them to decide.

Paul Clement, who represents three New York residents and New York's National Rifle Association affiliate challenging the transportation ban, said in an email that among the reasons the case remains alive legally is that the court frowns on tactical moves of the sort employed by the city and state that are meant to frustrate the justices' review of an issue.

In addition, he wrote, that "the City still views firearm ownership as a privilege and not a fundamental right and is still in the business of limiting transport and denying licenses for a host of discretionary rea-

sons." In the event the court reaches the substance of the law, the city does contend that what it calls its "former rule" did not violate the Constitution. But that would seem to be a tough sell given the court's make-up, with Gorsuch and, in particular, Kavanaugh on the court.

Kavanaugh voted in dissent when his federal appeals court upheld the District of Columbia's ban on semi-automatic rifles.

"Gun bans and gun regulations that are not long-standing or sufficiently rooted in text, history, and tradition are not consistent with the Second Amendment individual right," Kavanaugh wrote in 2011.

Gun control advocates worry that the court could adopt Kavanaugh's le-

gal rationale, potentially putting at risk regulations about who can carry guns in public, limits on large-capacity ammunition magazines and perhaps even restrictions on gun ownership by convicted criminals, including people convicted of domestic violence.

"This approach to the Second Amendment would treat gun rights as an absolute right, frozen in history, and not subject to any restrictions as public safety demands," said Hannah Shearer, litigation director at the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Reflecting the possible high stakes, more than three dozen supporting legal briefs have been filed. The Trump administration, 25 mainly Republican states and 120 members of the House of Representatives are on the side of the gun owners.

A dozen Democratic-led states and 139 House lawmakers back the city. In addition, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., a vocal court critic, filed a brief joined by four Senate Democratic colleagues that asked the justices to dismiss the case and resist being drawn into what he called a political project.

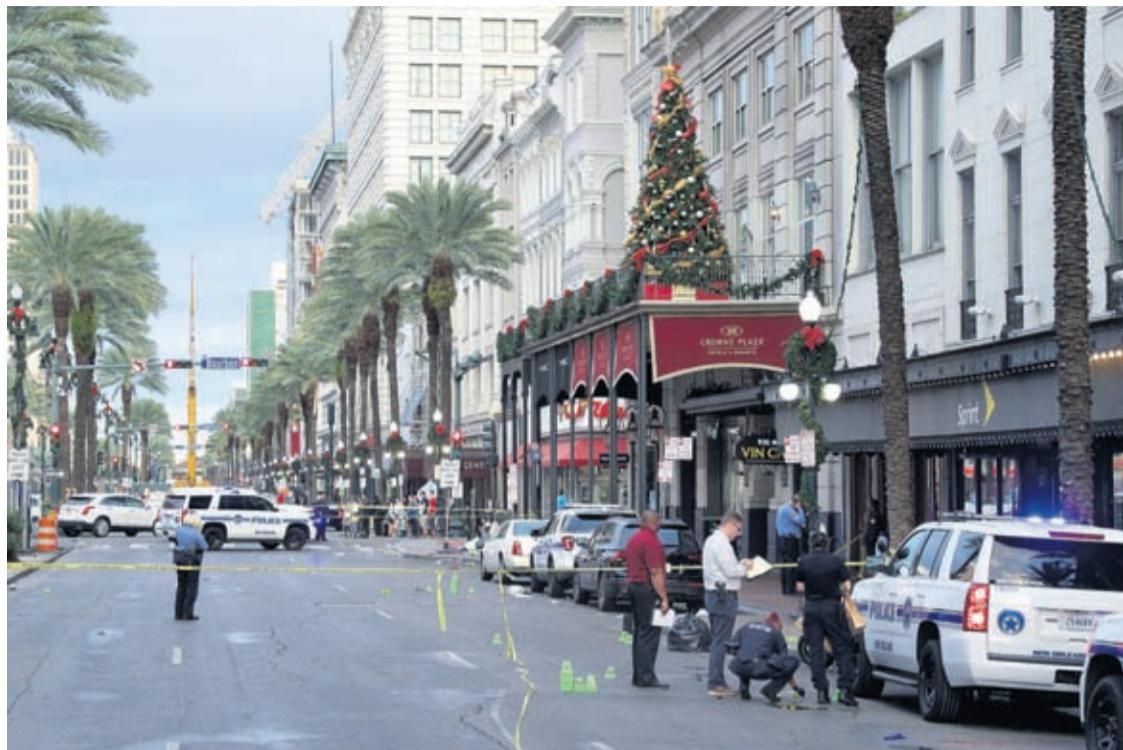
Whitehouse also included a warning to the justices.

"The Supreme Court is not well. And the people know it. Perhaps the Court can heal itself before the public demands it be restructured in order to reduce the influence of politics," he wrote, quoting a public opinion poll showing support for such changes.

All 53 Republican senators responded with a letter urging the court not to be cowed by the Democrats' threats.

A decision is expected by late June. □

10 wounded in shooting near New Orleans' French Quarter



New Orleans police investigate the scene of a shooting Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, on the edge of the city's famed French Quarter.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ten people were shot and wounded early Sunday near the French Quarter in New Orleans, a popular spot for tourists. Hours later in another part of town, another shooting killed two men and wounded two others.

Police said both shootings remain under investigation, and authorities did not immediately draw any connection between them. Two of the 10 people shot on Canal Street near the French Quarter were in critical condition in local hospitals, Police Superintendent Shaun Ferguson said. No arrests were announced by midday Sunday, and police did not immediately release information about any of the victims.

"What happened in our city overnight was a cowardly and senseless act that we cannot and will not tolerate," Ferguson said in a statement.

He said New Orleans has seen a significant reduction in violent crime over the past four years.

Ferguson told The New Orleans Advocate/The Times-Picayune that a person of interest has been detained, but it was not immediately clear whether the person had any connection to the shooting.

The first shootings happened about 3:20 a.m. on a busy commercial block

of Canal Street that has streetcar tracks and is near many hotels.

Ferguson said police quickly responded to the scene as patrols were heightened for this weekend's Bayou Classic, the annual Thanksgiving weekend rivalry football game between Grambling State and Southern University at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. "While this investigation is in the very beginning stages, one thing is certain — we will not stop until we identify and arrest those responsible," Ferguson said in his statement.

New Orleans Mayor Latoya Cantrell also pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice.

"The shootings on Canal Street early this morning were an ugly disruption of an otherwise beautiful holiday weekend. We will do everything we can to wrap the victims and their families in our love and support, and to bring the criminals responsible to justice," she said via Twitter on Sunday. Kenneth Culbreth told The New Orleans Advocate/The Times-Picayune that he had gone into a CVS pharmacy in the early morning hours to make a quick purchase. Moments later, he walked out to a crime scene.

"On my way out of the CVS, I heard pops," Culbreth said. "It was so many,

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Culbreth spent the rest of the morning watching the scene, with law enforcement and several emergency vehicles moving in and out at a rapid pace. Police initially said 10 people were wounded. They later said 11 were wounded, but the police department then sent a statement saying the correct number was 10.

The shooting on Canal Street happened near the spot where 10 people were shot, one of them fatally, on Bourbon Street in the French Quarter on Nov. 27, 2016. One man was convicted of attempted manslaughter and obstruction of justice, but jurors could not reach a verdict on a second-degree murder charge. Another man awaits trial. □

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Malta leader to resign amid protests over reporter's death

By STEPHEN CALLEJA

Associated Press

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat told the nation Sunday night that he would resign in January, following pressure from angry citizens for the truth about the 2017 car bombing that killed an anti-corruption journalist.

In a televised message, Muscat said he had informed Malta's president that he will quit as leader of the governing Labor Party on Jan. 12 and that "in the days after I will resign as prime minister."

Hours earlier, nearly 20,000 Maltese protested outside a courthouse in the capital, Valletta, demanding that he step down in the largest such turnout of nearly daily protests in recent weeks.

"As prime minister, I promised two years ago that justice would be done in the case of the murder of Daphne Caruana Galizia," Muscat said, beginning his speech, adding that "today I am here to tell you that I kept my word."

But the slain reporter's family contended Muscat's departure won't satisfy those in the nation who are determined that corruption and cronyism between politicians and business figures be rooted out.

"People will be out in the streets again tomorrow," tweeted one of her sons, Matthew Caruana Galizia, who is also a journalist. Muscat contended that "justice is being done."

He noted that in addition to three people arrested soon after the bombing for carrying out the actual attack, now there is "someone accused of being the principal person behind this kill-



In this Thursday, June 20, 2019 file photo, Malta's Prime Minister Joseph Muscat arrives for an EU summit at the Europa building in Brussels.

Associated Press

ing." Muscat was referring to prominent Maltese businessman Yorgen Fenech, who on Saturday night, was arraigned on charges of alleged complicity in the killing and of allegedly organizing and financing the bombing. Fenech entered pleas of innocence.

Muscat's former chief of staff Keith Schembri was allegedly linked to the killing. Schembri was among government members targeted by Caruana Galizia's investigative reporting. Schembri, who resigned last week, was arrested in the probe but later released. He denies wrongdoing.

The prime minister said the investigation continues. The slain reporter had written extensively about suspected corruption in political and business circles on the European Union nation,

an attractive financial haven for many investors.

Among her targets were those in Muscat's political inner circle, including those in his Cabinet. Caruana Galizia was the subject of lawsuits by some of her subjects, including in government. While many celebrated her as an anti-corruption champion, some on the island whose dealings she exposed scorned her work.

"I reiterate my deepest regret that a person, who, with all her positive and negative qualities and contribution toward the democracy of our country, was killed in such a brutal way," Muscat said.

"The sensations of genuine sadness and anger for this murder are justified. And I will never accept that someone conveys a signal that in any way he or she

is justifying this murder," the prime minister said.

Muscat used his speech to praise his tenure's achievements, including strong economic growth and civil rights, including legalized marriage and adoption for same-sex couples.

Referring to the reporter's slaying, the prime minister said, "This case cannot define everything that our country is and what we have accomplished together."

The political opposition seized on the resentment toward the government tangible in the protests.

"Muscat does not understand the anger of the people," said Adrian Delia, leader of the opposition Nationalist Party. Nor does he understand "political responsibility," Delia contended.

"He did not understand

that Daphne Caruana Galizia's murder took place because of the sluggishness of our institutions," Delia said after Muscat's speech.

European Parliament lawmakers are due to visit Malta in coming days, amid concerns about the functioning of rule of law on the Mediterranean island nation.

Muscat struck a defensive note, saying, "Our institutions are strong, and they function." Muscat, first elected as prime minister in 2013, is serving his second term.

Fenech had requested immunity from prosecution promising to reveal information about government officials. His bid for immunity was rejected first by Muscat on his own and later by Muscat's Cabinet.

Participants in Sunday's protest carried photos of the slain journalist as well as placards with the last words she wrote on her blog shortly before getting into her car, which was blown up near her home. "The situation is desperate," she had written referring to what she unearthed with her digging into suspected widespread corruption in Malta's political and business circles. On the placards, protesters added the word "still" before "desperate."

Affixed to the courthouse gates were copies of a photo of Schembri posing the alleged middleman was unclear where and when the photo was taken. The alleged go-between, Melvin Theuma recently was granted immunity from the prosecution in exchange for giving details on who was behind the bombing. □

With prime minister out, Iraq in constitutional 'black hole'

By SAMYA KULLAB and MURTADA FARAJ

Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's parliament on Sunday formally accepted the prime minister's resignation, but the path to replacing Adil Abdul-Mahdi was clouded with legal questions that one lawmaker described as a "black hole in the constitution," which does not clearly spell out the next step.

Meanwhile, anti-government demonstrations went on in the capital, and one protester was shot dead. Demonstrators closed roads, including those leading to a major commodities port in southern Iraq. A special judicial committee was formed to investigate demonstrator deaths.

Parliament approved the resignation without a vote, according to four lawmakers in attendance. Lawmakers acted on the legal opinion of the federal supreme court because existing laws do not provide clear procedures.

"According to the federal court's interpretation, there is no need to vote," lawmaker Sarkwat Shamse-dine said during the session. Lawmaker Mohamed al-Daraji made the reference to a black hole in the law.

Following the approval, Parliament Speaker Mohamed a-Halbousi asked President Barham Salih to nominate a new prime minister. The constitution requires parliament's largest bloc to name a candidate for the premiership within 15 days. Then the prime minister-designate has 30 days to form a government.

Officials and experts warned of a potential political crisis because the question of which coalition constitutes the largest bloc is unresolved.

Abdul-Mahdi's nomination as prime minister was the product of a provisional alliance between parliament's two main blocs — Saïroon, led by cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, and Fatah, which includes leaders associated with the paramilitary Popular Mobiliza-

tion Units headed by Hadi al-Amiri.

In the May 2018 election, neither coalition won a commanding plurality that would have enabled it to name the premier alone. To avoid political crisis, Saïroon and Fatah forged a precarious union.

Salih began making rounds with different political blocs to reach a consensus, one lawmaker who requested anonymity in line with regulations said. Two Iraqi officials also said that Iranian Gen. Qassim Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds Force and the architect of its regional security apparatus, arrived in Baghdad and met with key officials. "It is expected that not just Soleimani but other usual brokers of the prime minister candidate will be active from now on," said one official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of regulations.

"But for sure no candidate will go through without the blessing of Najaf."

Najaf is the seat of Iraq's Shiite religious authority.

The possibility of Saïroon and Fatah re-committing to an alliance over the selection of the premiership was "the strongest scenario," Shamsedine said.

In Baghdad's historic Ra-sheed Street, security forces fired live ammunition to prevent crowds from breaching concrete barriers near the Ahrar bridge that leads to parliament and other government buildings. One protester was killed and 10 wounded, according to security and medical officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The new investigative committee was formed to hear cases from the city of Nasiriyah, which has seen the most fatalities due to live ammunition used by security forces in recent days. The committee issued an arrest warrant against Lt. Gen. Jamil al-Shammari on charges of issuing orders that lead to the killing of demonstrators, according to Iraqi state TV.

Abdul-Mahdi recently withdrew al-Shammari from overseeing security matters

in the southern city following the bloodshed.

Unlike elsewhere in Iraq, in Basra demonstrators have routinely targeted the country's economic interests.

Demonstrators staged a sit-in and cut roads to the West Qurna 1 oil field, operated by ExxonMobil. The field, among the country's largest, produces over 450,000 barrels of oil per day. A senior oil ministry official said the protests have not yet affected crude production.

Protesters continued to block roads to the country's main Gulf commodities port in Umm Qasr. Port officials previously said trade activity had been cut by 50 percent as a result.

Also Sunday, unknown attackers in Najaf torched



Protesters set fires during ongoing protests in Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

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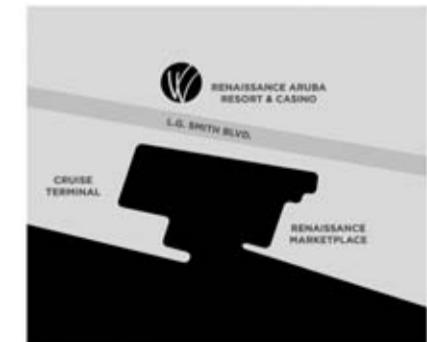
the Iranian consulate, which was empty.

It was the second time the building had been set ablaze in recent days, following an earlier fire started by protesters who stormed

the structure. At least 400 people have been killed since Oct. 1, when thousands took to the streets in mass protests in Baghdad and the predominantly Shiite south. □



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Hong Kong pro-democracy rally cut short by police tear gas

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Thousands of people took to Hong Kong's streets Sunday in a new wave of pro-democracy protests, but police fired tear gas after some demonstrators hurled bricks and smoke bombs, breaking a rare pause in violence that has persisted during the six-month-long movement.

In the largest of three rallies, a key thoroughfare along the waterfront on the Kowloon side of Victoria Harbour was packed with demonstrators, from hardened masked protesters in all-black outfits to families and the elderly. They chanted "Five demands, not one less" and "Disband the police force" as they marched.

That rally followed two other marches earlier Sunday as protesters sought to keep the pressure on city leader Carrie Lam after the recent win by the pro-democracy camp in district council elections and the gaining of U.S. support for their cause.

"If we don't walk out, the



A pro-democracy protester runs away from the tear gas fired by riot police during a rally in Hong Kong, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

government will say it's just a youth issue, but this is a Hong Kong problem that affects all of us," Lily Chau, 30, said as she pushed her toddler in a stroller at the march in Kowloon. "If we are scared, the government will continue to trample on our rights."

Police estimated that 16,000 people attended the Kowloon rally. Slogans spray-painted along walls and on side-

walks reminded the crowd that "Freedom is not free" and pledged "Victory at all costs."

The Kowloon march was cut short after riot police fired tear gas and arrested a few people. A police statement said minimum force was deployed after "hundreds of rioters hurled smoke bombs" and bricks. Marchers berated police as they scrambled to flee the tear gas, shouting "Dirty

cops" and "Are you trying to kill us?" Some protesters dug up paving stones and threw them on the street to try to slow the police down. More tear gas was fired at night after dozens of hardcore protesters set up roadblocks and vandalized some shops and restaurants linked to China. Hong Kong's protests have been relatively peaceful during the two weeks around the Nov. 24 elec-

tions, but Sunday's disruption indicated there may be more violence if Lam fails to yield to protesters' demands.

Tensions started Saturday night after police used pepper balls against protesters and a man was hit in the head by an unidentified assailant while clearing the street.

Lam has said she'll accelerate dialogue but has refused to offer any new concessions since the elections. Her government has accepted only one demand — withdrawing extradition legislation that would have sent suspects to mainland China for trial. Elaine Wong, an office worker who was at the Kowloon march, called the recent election win "an empty victory."

"We have in actual fact not won any concessions for our demands," she said. "We must continue to stand out to remind the government of our unhappiness." The two earlier marches Sunday appealed to President Donald Trump for help and demanded that police stop using tear gas. □

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Maldives opposition slams guilty verdict on former president



In this Feb. 3, 2018, file photo, Maldivian President Yameen Abdul Gayoom, center, surrounded by his body guards arrives to address his supporters in Male, Maldives.

Associated Press

MALE, Maldives (AP) — Two opposition parties in the Maldives say the trial in which former President Yameen Abdul Gayoom was convicted of money laundering was politically motivated.

The opposition coalition of the Progressive Party of Maldives and the People's National Congress said in a statement Saturday that

Yameen was given an unjust sentence due to his "economic development success." Yameen was sentenced to five years in prison after being found guilty on Thursday. The five-member Criminal Court bench also ordered him to pay a \$5 million fine. In its ruling, the court found Yameen guilty of laundering \$1 million in state money for per-

sonal gain during his presidency. The two opposition parties have appealed the case to the High Court.

Abdul Raheem, Vice President of the People's National Congress, called for the coalition's supporters to "peacefully oppose" the government, saying it was "incapable" and has "brought heavy financial burden on the people" of the Maldives. Raheem also said that Yameen was transferred to Maafushi Prison after demonstrations on Friday. Yameen's lawyers had expressed concern over the condition of his jail cell at Male Prison, where he was detained earlier.

Yameen led the Indian Ocean archipelago nation from 2013 to 2018. During that time, he was accused of corruption, muzzling the media and persecuting political opponents. □

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Belgian Carnival town renounces UNESCO title over racism row

By RAF CASERT

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP)—The famed Belgian Carnival town of Aalst wants to renounce its place on the U.N. cultural heritage list, saying it is sick of widespread complaints that this spring's edition contained blatant anti-Semitism.

Town officials say the float objected to, with stereotypical depictions of hook-nosed Jews sitting on piles of money, was trying to make a joke and they contend no one should try to muzzle humor of any kind during the three-day Carnival.

Aalst mayor Christoph D'Haese said Sunday that city officials "have had it a bit with the grotesque complaints and Aalst will renounce its UNESCO rec-

ognition." UNESCO, Jewish groups and the European Union have condemned the float as anti-Semitic, with the EU saying it conjured up visions of the 1930s. UNESCO already was planning to consider at its Dec. 9-14 meeting in Bogota, Colombia, whether to kick Aalst off the list of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

"It was clear that we had to go, so we kept the honor to ourselves," D'Haese told VTM network.

Aalst is one of Europe's most famous Carnivals and it is a celebration of unbridled, no-holds-barred humor and satire.

Politicians, religious leaders and the rich and famous are relentlessly ridiculed during the three-day festival ahead of Roman Catholic Lent.

Imposing limits on that would take away the essence of the town's Carnival, said D'Haese, who has seen revelers impersonating leaders of his Flemish nationalist N-VA party leadership go around in Nazi uniforms. For him, it is the be-all, end-all of Aalst Carnival, in which a laugh trumps ethical concerns.

The parade of floats draws some 100,000 visitors every year to the city close to Brussels. Most often it goes off without a hitch.

After the outrage in early March, D'Haese claimed city elders reached out to Belgium's "anti-discrimination center and several Jewish organizations, for whom it will never be enough."

Hans Knoop of the Belgian Forum of Jewish Organiza-



In this Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 file photo, people celebrate carnival during the yearly procession in Aalst, Belgium.

Associated Press

tions told The Associated Press that the mayor had not been cooperative in discussing the issue. And Knoop warned that renouncing the UNESCO cultural heritage tag should not open the way for more similar displays at the festival in late February. "They are not at liberty to spew any more anti-Semitic

dirt," he said. "We will keep a close eye on Aalst." He insisted there are merry Carnivals around the world without a hint of racism or anti-Semitism. D'Haese said it would be "unavoidable" that there would be Jewish ridicule at the next edition. He has said it was not for him to police humor. □

Relic thought to be from Jesus' manger arrives in Bethlehem

By IMAD ISSEID

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)

— A tiny wooden relic that some Christians believe to be part of Jesus' manger arrived Saturday in its permanent home in the biblical city of Bethlehem 1,400 years after it was sent to Rome as a gift to the pope.

Cheerful crowds greeted the ornately encased relic with much fanfare before it entered the Franciscan Church of St. Catherine next to the Church of the

Nativity, the West Bank holy site where tradition says Jesus was born.

The return of the relic by the Vatican was a spirit-lifting moment for the Palestinians, a small minority of whom are Christian. It coincides with Advent, a four-week period leading up to Christmas.

Troubled Bethlehem in the Israeli-occupied West Bank is preparing for the occasion, where pilgrims from around the world flock to the city.

Young Palestinian scouts played bagpipes and the crowd snapped pictures as a clergyman held the silver reliquary and marched toward the church.

Brother Francesco Patton, the custodian of the Franciscan order in the Holy Land, said Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had asked Pope Francis to borrow the entire manger, but the pope decided to send a tiny portion of it to stay permanently in Bethlehem. "It's a great joy" that the



Christian clergymen carry a wooden relic believed to be from Jesus' manger at the Church of Saint Saviour in Jerusalem's old city, Friday, Nov. 29, 2019.

Associated Press

piece returns to its original place, Patton said, according to Wafa, the official Palestinian news agency. □

Toll at least 21 after Mexico cartel attack near U.S. border

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican security forces on Sunday killed seven more members of a presumed cartel assault force that rolled into a town near the Texas border and staged an hour-long attack, officials said, bringing the death toll to at least 21. The Coahuila state government said in a statement that lawmen aided by helicopters were still chasing remnants of the force that arrived in a convoy of pickup trucks and attacked the city hall of Villa Union on Saturday.

Gov. Miguel Angel Riquelme said at least 14 people had died by that afternoon, four of them police officers. He also said then that several municipal workers were missing. It wasn't clear if they had since been located.

The reason for the military-style attack remained unclear Sunday. Cartels have been contending for control of smuggling routes in northern Mexico, but there was no immediate evidence that a rival cartel had been targeted in Villa Union.

The new statement did not give a new death total, but said seven more attackers were killed on Sunday in addition to at least seven who reportedly died the day before. Three other bodies had not been identified.



The City Hall of Villa Union is riddled with bullet holes after a gun battle between Mexican security forces and suspected cartel gunmen, Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019.

Associated Press

The governor said the armed group — at least some in military style garb — stormed the town of 3,000 residents in a convoy of trucks, attacking local government offices and prompting state and federal forces to intervene. Bullet-riddled trucks left abandoned in the streets were marked C.D.N. — Spanish initials of the Cartel of the Northeast gang.

Several of the gunmen stole vehicles as they fled and kidnapped locals to help guide them on dirt tracks out of town, the governor said. At least one of the stolen vehicles was a hearse

headed for a funeral, according to the newspaper Zocalo of Saltillo.

The town is about 35 miles (60 kilometers) south-southwest of Eagle Pass, Texas, and 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the town of Allende — site of a 2011 massacre involving the Zetas cartel in which officials say 70 died. Rapid gunfire could be heard in videos posted to social media along with frantic people telling friends to stay indoors. Images of the aftermath of the shoot-out showed burned out vehicles, while the facade of Villa Union's city hall was riddled with bullets.

The governor said security forces would remain in the town for several days to restore a sense of calm.

Falko Ernst, senior Mexico analyst for the non-profit Crisis Group, which seeks to promote peace, said there are few incentives for armed groups in the country to refrain from violence. "Solving this issue — which underpins impunity — would have to be the centerpiece of an integrated security strategy. But such a thing is yet to be presented by (President) López Obrador and his team," said Ernst.

"The price of that absence

is not least the flaring up of regional conflict scenarios." Mexico's murder rate has increased to historically high levels, inching up by 2% in the first 10 months of the presidency of Andrés Manuel López Obrador. Federal officials said recently that there have been 29,414 homicides so far in 2019, compared to 28,869 in the same period of 2018.

The November slaughter by Mexican drug cartel gunmen of three women who held U.S. citizenship and six of their children focused world attention on the rising violence.

Saturday's attack also showed cartels again resorting to quasi-military operations in a brazen challenge to state authority.

In October, a massive operation by the Sinaloa cartel prompted the federal government to release the captured son of a drug lord and pull back the army, which found itself outmaneuvered on the streets of Culiacan.

U.S. President Donald Trump said in a radio interview last week that he plans to designate Mexican drug cartels as terrorist organizations, though he declined to say what actions might follow that designation.

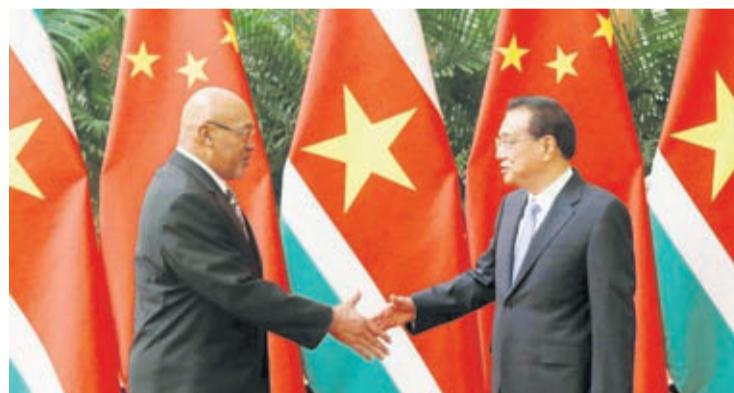
Mexican officials have opposed such a designation, worried it could lead to unilateral U.S. interventions in its territory. □

AP Explains: What awaits Suriname's convicted president?

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — A court in the South American country of Suriname has convicted President Desi Bouterse in the 1982 killings of 15 prominent political opponents and sentenced him to 20 years in prison. The decision marks the end of a historic trial that began in 2007, the same year that Bouterse accepted "political responsibility" for the killings but insists he was not present.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

A panel of three judges issued its verdict while Bouterse is in China on an official visit. However, they did



Suriname's President Desi Bouterse, left, shakes hands with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang before a meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019.

Associated Press

not issue an arrest order for Bouterse, who could not be immediately reached for comment and whose attorney called it a "political

verdict" and appealed the ruling. Meanwhile, government officials have asked for calm among the nearly

600,000 people who live in Suriname, a former Dutch colony located in South America's northeast coast whose economy is largely based on oil and gold exports. Bouterse is scheduled to arrive in Suriname on Sunday and then leave for Cuba shortly afterward for an official visit.

It is unclear if those plans remain unchanged.

WHY DID THE TRIAL TAKE 12 YEARS?

The trial began in November 2007 and was hit by multiple setbacks, including efforts by Bouterse to end it. Shortly after he was elected president in 2010,

Bouterse pushed through an amnesty law only to see it ruled unconstitutional. Then in 2016, he ordered Suriname's attorney general to put a stop to legal proceedings in the name of national security, but a court ruled that he could not do so because the trial had already started. The murders are known as the "December killings" whose victims included well-known people such as lawyers, journalists and a university professor.

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Plastic ban: the law has passed



ORANJESTAD —The island's government made a decision in 2017 to ban all single use plastic bags and has now extended it to include items as plastic cups and straws and Styrofoam boxes, such as disposable coolers. Also, sunscreens containing oxy-

benzone is to be prohibited in Aruba. The ban is effective in 2019, with a one-year transition period to a total ban in 2020. The Plastic Ban Ordinance will go into effect as of July 1st 2020, together with the list of products that are prohibited.

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- Suntan lotion/cream with Oxybenzone;
- Biodegradable products not mentioned in the list of exempted products.

What type of single use products exempt until further notice?

- Single use plastic straw for medical use;
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Early morning at Rodgers Beach



I do have much respect for fishermen. Can you imagine yourself leaving your house early in the morning around 4am and get your little wooden boat ready then heading northwest of the island with faith that you will catch any fish? Just the thought about this courageous lifestyle fascinates me. Early morning at Rodgers Beach is just the best and the colors are very soft and the combination with a smooth morning breeze is just the best therapy you can have.

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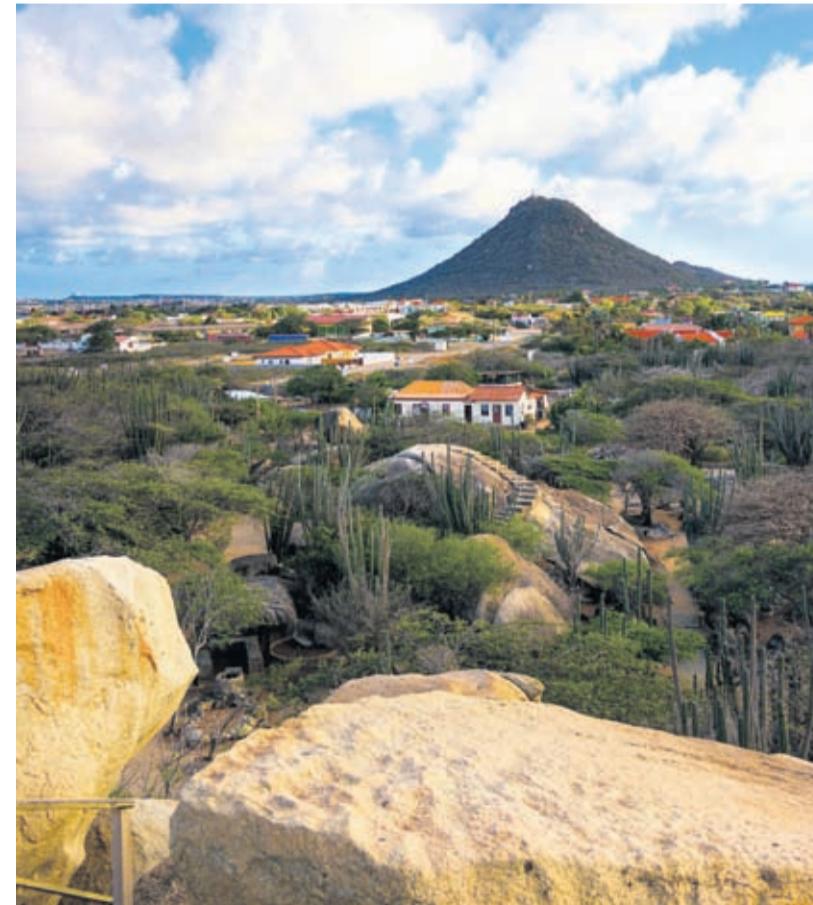
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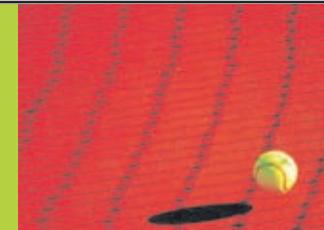
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SPORTS



Dallas Mavericks' Luka Doncic, center, shoots over Los Angeles Lakers' JaVale McGee, left, and Danny Green, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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Luka gets 27, Mavs snap Lakers' 10-game win streak 114-100

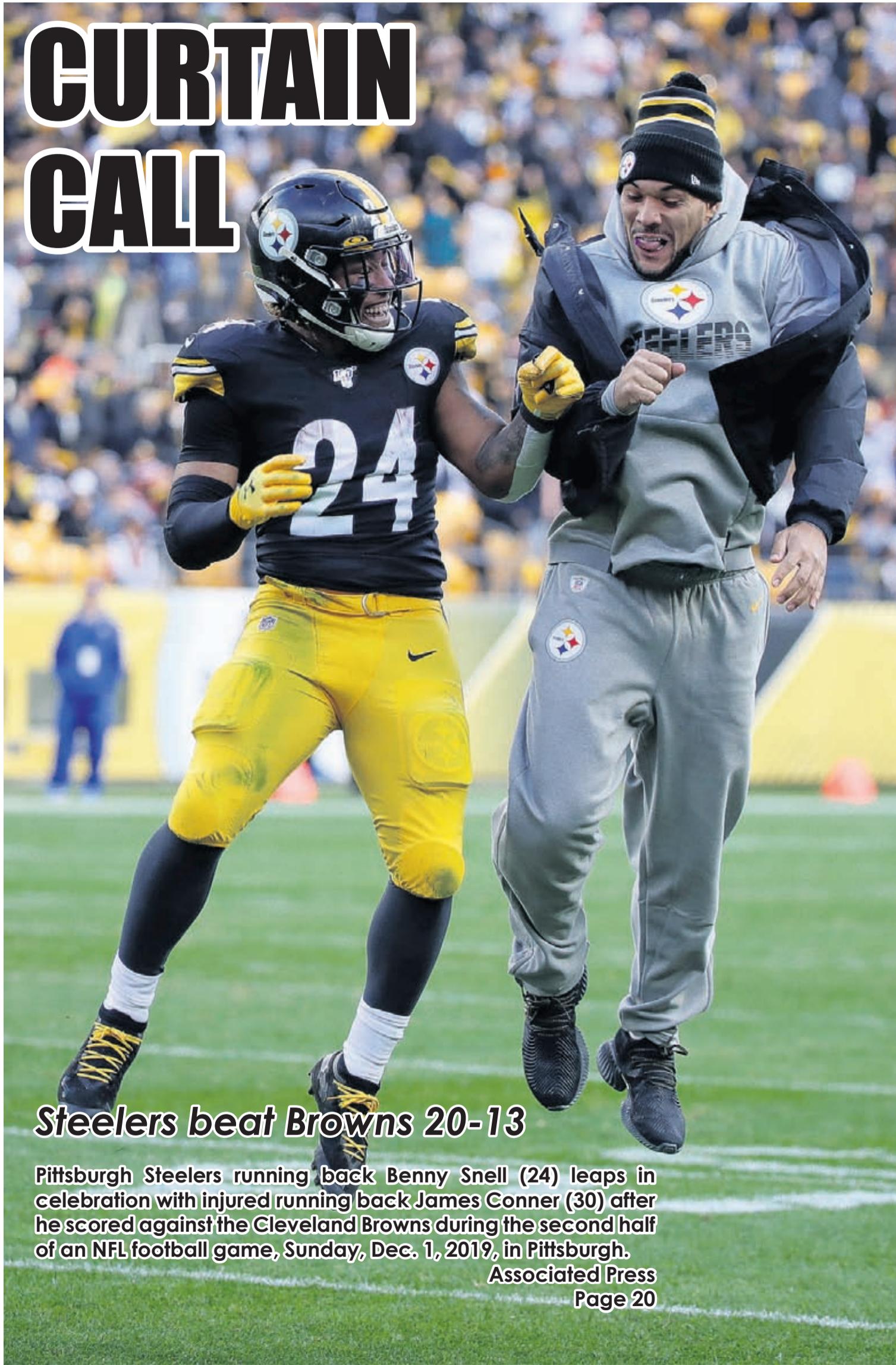
By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Luka Doncic dribbled up to LeBron James, stepped back and coolly drained a 3-pointer from well behind the line. The Dallas Mavericks' driving force then threw a telling stare toward Dirk Nowitzki at courtside before he headed off to wrap up a major win. When the Mavs visited Staples Center a year ago, Doncic was nervous before he faced his boyhood idol, and he sought an autographed jersey afterward. Although the Slovenian youngster still admires the veteran star, Doncic is showing he belongs in the same galaxy. Doncic scored 21 of his 27 points in a dynamic second half, and the Mavericks snapped the Los Angeles Lakers' 10-game winning streak with a 114-100 victory Sunday.

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CURTAIN CALL



Steelers beat Browns 20-13

Pittsburgh Steelers running back Benny Snell (24) leaps in celebration with injured running back James Conner (30) after he scored against the Cleveland Browns during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Pittsburgh.

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Mikko Koivu scores shootout winner, Wild beat Stars 3-2

By PATRICK DONNELLY

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Mikko Koivu capped a milestone game with the shootout winner.

Playing in his 1,000th career game, the Minnesota captain reached 700th career points with a second-period assist, then scored in the fourth round of the tiebreaker to help the Wild beat the Dallas Stars 3-2 on Sunday.

Koivu, playing his 15th season with the Wild, beat Ben Bishop with his trademark move, a backhand over the goalie's left shoulder. Then Alex Stalock, who made 26 saves, stuffed Corey Perry to seal the victory. "I just tried to pick a move that I'm comfortable with," said Koivu, who scored his 42nd career shootout goal in 106 attempts. "It's always a challenge to go to the shootout against the goaltending in this league. But yeah. It was a good feeling."

Kevin Fiala had a goal and an assist and Zach Parise also scored for the Wild. Both also scored in the first three rounds of the shootout, but Joe Pavelski and Tyler Seguin countered for Dallas. That forced Wild coach Bruce Boudreau's hand when deciding on a fourth shooter.

"I didn't know what I was doing, quite frankly," said Boudreau, whose team is 6-0-3 in its last nine games. "Initially I wasn't going to put (Koivu) in because he hadn't scored in the shootout in like two years. But I figured he was rested because he didn't play in overtime, and it was his day ... all the stars were shining in the right direction, so go out there and win it."

Blake Comeau and John Klingberg scored for Dallas and Bishop stopped 27 shots. The Stars have lost three in a row after a 14-1-1 run.

After averaging 3.9 goals per game in their hot stretch, the Stars have managed just three goals in their three-game losing streak. But Dallas coach Jim Montgomery isn't hitting the panic button just yet.



Minnesota Wild's Mikko Koivu hugs goalie Alex Stalock after Stalock blocked a shot in a shootout to win an NHL hockey game against the Dallas Stars, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in St. Paul, Minn.

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"I think we have too many good hockey players," Montgomery said. "I know a lot of people's numbers aren't where we'd like them to be, but if we play like that I'm pretty sure we're

going to score four goals on most nights."

Dallas took a 2-1 lead with 5:51 to play when Comeau finally beat Stalock after a flurry of prime scoring opportunities.

Parise tied it back up on the power play with 2:30 to go when he whacked a rebound out of the air and sent it over Bishop's shoulder.

It was Parise's eighth goal in his last nine games and 12th of the season.

"I saw the puck go up, and in your mind you're waiting it seems like for a long time," Parise said. "You're just waiting for it to get below the crossbar, waiting and waiting. And I hit it square."

That led to overtime, where the Wild have struggled. They've lost all four of their games decided in overtime this season, including two in a row last week. But Minnesota outshot Dallas 3-1 and controlled the puck for much of the extra session.

"At this point, maybe get-

ting through overtime is a win for us," Parise said.

The win moved the Wild to within five points of fourth-place Dallas in the Central Division, which many consider to be the deepest in the league.

"We're disappointed we didn't take two points, but to come in here and get one, it's something to build off," Comeau said.

NOTES: Boudreau said G Devan Dubnyk, who has been out since Nov. 16 as his wife deals with health issues, would not accompany the Wild on their three-game road trip this week. ... Fiala extended his points streak to four games and has six goals and six assists in his last 13 games. ... The Stars had won five straight and seven of nine against the Wild. □

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Duck's Dynasty? Backup Hodges leads Steelers by Browns 20-13

By WILL GRAVES

PITTSBURGH (AP) — No fighting. No helmet swinging. Barely any trash talking. Just football.

And one very loud statement from the banged-up Pittsburgh Steelers written not on a T-shirt but all over the Heinz Field turf: The faces may change when Cleveland visits Pittsburgh. The result does not.

Undrafted rookie free agent Devlin "Duck" Hodges threw for 212 yards with a touchdown and an interception, fellow rookie Benny Snell ran for 63 yards and a score and the largely anonymous Steelers (7-5) surged past the Browns 20-13 on Sunday. The hosts exacted a measure of revenge for its ugly, brawled defeat in Cleveland two weeks ago by keeping the Browns (5-7) winless in Pittsburgh for 16 years and counting.

"It's been a weird year,"



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver James Washington (13) celebrates with tight end Vance McDonald (89) after making a touchdown catch from Steelers quarterback Devlin Hodges (6) during the first half of an NFL football game against the Cleveland Browns, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Pittsburgh.

Steelers guard David De-Castro said.

Yet the Steelers remain in

the middle of the playoff chase after rallying from 10 points down thanks in large

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part to Hodges, a champion duck caller in his down time now 2-0 as starter. Bumped to the top of the depth chart last week in place of struggling Mason Rudolph, Hodges completed 14 of 21 passes and hardly played like a guy cut at the end of training camp.

"I've always believed in myself," Hodges said. "I know I have people in my corner who believed in me. Even the guys on the team, when I was let go, I had a bunch of them text me and say, 'Hey, this isn't over for you.'"

It might be for the Browns (5-7), who saw their three-game winning streak come to a crashing halt. They were outplayed over the final three quarters by a Steelers team riddled with injury and inexperience at the offensive skill positions. Cleveland likely now needs to win out and get some help to reach the playoffs. "No one is coming to save us," Cleveland defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson said. "It's too late in the season for that. We're all we got."

The Browns had their chances. Cleveland took an early 10-0 lead but sputtered the rest of the way. Baker Mayfield completed 18 of 32 passes for 196 yards with a touchdown

and an interception, and played the second half with his right (throwing) hand in a protective glove after smacking it against the face mask of Pittsburgh linebacker Bud Dupree.

Mayfield declined to blame the injury, which the Browns described as a bruise, as a reason behind his so-so second half. Mayfield went 8 of 15 for 98 yards after getting hurt, his final throw a wayward toss in the direction of Jarvis Landry that Steelers cornerback and former Brown Joe Haden picked off with 1:06 remaining. Nick Chubb ran for 58 yards and Kareem Hunt added 65 total yards and a touchdown reception. But Cleveland failed to pull even with the Steelers in the AFC North and sweep the season series from its rival for the first time in 31 years.

"PITTSBURGH STARTED IT" ... AND FINISHED IT

The teams' first meeting on Nov. 14 ended with an ugly altercation between Cleveland defensive end Myles Garrett and Rudolph that ended with Garrett hitting Rudolph in the head with Rudolph's helmet. The ensuing fallout — which included Garrett being suspended indefinitely; Rudolph fending off Garrett's allegation that he used a racial slur shortly before things got out of hand; suspensions for Browns defensive end Larry Ogunjobi and Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey — reignited a rivalry that's been dominated by the Steelers since Cleveland returned to the NFL a generation ago.

Just in case it needed a little more stoking, Browns coach Freddie Kitchens was spotted wearing a "Pittsburgh started it" T-shirt on Friday night. Several Steelers responded with some inauspicious wardrobe choices while walking into work on Sunday.

"I think it was pretty stupid," DeCastro said. "It's a lot of bulletin board material. I don't know why you do that as a coach. I just don't get that. Of course it's going to motivate us. What are you thinking? It's just not smart." □



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Fournier scores 32, leads Magic over Warriors 100-96

By BILL FAY

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Evan Fournier tied his career high with 32 points and Terrence Ross added 19 points off the bench as the Orlando Magic beat the Golden State Warriors 100-96 on Sunday night.

Jonathan Isaac had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Markelle Fultz added 14 points and nine assists for the Magic.

Glenn Robinson III led Golden State with 19 points. Eric Paschall scored 17 points and Alec Burks 15 for the Warriors, who had all five starters score in double figures, yet lost for the fifth time in six games.

Golden State was down six going into the final minute and trimmed the deficit to 96-95 on a 3-pointer by Burks with 33 seconds to play.

The Magic called on Fournier, and he drove around Draymond Green and through the heart of the Warriors defense to make a

layup that gave Orlando a 98-95 lead with 9.7 seconds left.

Burks hit one free throw to make it a one-possession game and had one more attempt to push the game to overtime but missed a 3-point try from the corner in the final second.

Aaron Gordon's two free throws pushed the final margin to five.

The fourth quarter was back-and-forth, with neither side able to get more than a 3-point lead until Ross drained a 3-pointer from the wing to make it 93-89 with 1:23 left in the game. Orlando increased its lead to six when Khem Burch made two free throws, but Golden State wasn't done.

The Warriors made three of four free throws and Burks drilled a 3-pointer to make it 96-95 with 33 seconds left. The teams played evenly through the first 46 minutes. Orlando led by 12 early, and the game was tied at halftime. Neither team led

by more than seven in the second half. Fournier hit all three 3-point attempts in the third period to help Orlando take a 72-71 lead going into the final quarter.

TIP INS:

Warriors: Golden State scored only nine of its 51 points from the perimeter in the first half. ... Golden State had won 11 of its last 12 meetings with Orlando. ... Rookie F Eric Paschall has scored in double figures 10 straight games, averaging 18.6. ... Rookie Jordan Poole coming off a career-best 20 points, went 0 for 8 from the field and scored only one point.

Magic: F Al-Farouq Aminu is out indefinitely with a sore knee. ... F Wes Iwantu needed five stitches to close a cut over his right eye at the end of the first quarter. He returned in the third quarter. ... The Magic haven't shot 50 percent or better in a game this season.

UP NEXT

Warriors: Continue five-



Orlando Magic guard Evan Fournier (10) takes the ball to the hoop on Golden State Warriors guard Ky Bowman (12) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Orlando, Fla.

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game trip at Atlanta on Monday.

Magic: Orlando takes a 1-7

road record to face the Wizards in Washington on Tuesday. □

Luka gets 27, Mavs snap Lakers' 10-game win streak 114-100

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Doncic also had 10 assists and nine rebounds in Dallas' seventh victory in eight games. The Mavs erased a halftime deficit with a 28-5 run in an excellent third quarter led by Doncic, who had 16 points and five assists in the third after going 2 for 9 in a self-described "awful" first half. "It's a great win that means a lot to us," Doncic said. "It shows that we can play against big teams, too. We just need to keep it rolling." The Mavs comfortably maintained their big lead in the fourth, and Doncic provided some late showmanship by hitting that fourth 3-pointer over James and staring toward Nowitzki, who had center court seats.

"He hit a couple of hellacious shots," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "There's just a small handful of guys in the whole world that can hit them. LeBron



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) recovers a loose ball under Dallas Mavericks' Luka Doncic (77) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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James is one of them. He's one of them. Those step-back 30-footers, it's hard to describe how difficult the shot is, and how easy he makes it look."

Delon Wright had 17 points and nine assists, and Kristaps Porzingis added 15 points as Dallas underlined its status as a likely title contender with an inspired second half on the road

against the NBA-leading Lakers, who had lost only once in 18 games since their season opener.

"It means that we had a good day and did a lot of good things, but we need to stay humble," Carlisle said. "Every time we have a game like this, people are more than ever throwing their best game at us.

There's a certain responsi-

bility you have when you get on a roll like this. We need to understand it and keep our eye on the ball." James had 25 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Lakers, who dropped to 17-3 by losing this matchup between two of the NBA's highest-scoring teams. The Lakers' longest winning streak in 10 years ended with their largest defeat of the young season.

"It's one game," said Anthony Davis, who had 27 points and 10 rebounds. "We're not going to get down over this loss. We know what type of team we are, we know now. We played well. And they beat us, but we beat ourselves with the rebounding, so we know what we've got to do better."

Los Angeles had won six straight over Dallas, but neither team much resembles the rosters that played the last few seasons in these jerseys. After a year

of impressive moves by both franchises, the Mavs and Lakers are positioned to be back among the NBA's best.

Exactly one month after the Lakers earned an overtime victory in Dallas, the Mavs responded with an impressive all-around effort at Staples Center. The Lakers had their worst day of the young season — or at least their worst quarter while Dallas outscored them 35-17.

"They scored a few buckets, and we had a couple calls that went against us," said Lakers coach Frank Vogel, who got a technical foul along with Kentavious Caldwell-Pope for arguing in the third. "I think our guys got consumed with that a little bit. But we didn't really have an offensive pop the whole quarter, coming out of halftime. We've been really sharp and really consistent, but during that stretch we weren't, and it cost us the game." □



Emily Sweeney, of the United States, celebrates her second-place finish after completing her second run of a women's World Cup luge event in Lake Placid, N.Y., on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2019.

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Germans win 6 medals, USA 5 at Lake Placid luge World Cup

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP)

— Tucker West and Emily Sweeney both capped double-medal weekends for USA Luge on Sunday, the final day of the World Cup stop on the Americans' home track at Mount Van Hoevenberg.

West won silver medals on Sunday in both the men's race and men's sprint. Sweeney added a bronze in the women's sprint on Sunday to her women's silver from Saturday, and Summer Britcher won a silver in the women's sprint for the U.S.

It was a long-awaited bounce-back day for West, who won only one medal — other than in team relay events — in the past two World Cup seasons.

"Today we had track record ice," West said. "It was

bullet-proof hard. You really had to lay it all out, but it seemed to work out. It feels great to be back. It's been a little bit of a hiatus with speed, so it's encouraging to see the speed again."

Julia Taubitz led the Germans with two golds — winning the women's sprint on Sunday, after prevailing in the women's regular race Saturday. Taubitz was the lone non-American in the top four of the women's sprint, with Britcher second, Sweeney third and Ashley Farquharson fourth with by far her best World Cup finish. Russia's Roman Repilov won the men's sprint, his fourth career gold at Mount Van Hoevenberg, while Lativan brothers Andris Sics and Juris Sics won the doubles sprint gold earlier Sunday.

That was Latvia's first gold on this track at Mount Van Hoevenberg, which has hosted a total of 60 different international luge events. Also Sunday, Austria's Jonas Mueller won his second consecutive World Cup men's luge race of the season, narrowly holding off West for the gold. Mueller went on later in the day to win bronze in the men's sprint, edging Olympic silver medalist Chris Mazdzer of the U.S. for the final medal spot in that event.

Italy's Dominik Fischnaller won the men's bronze. West was the leader after one run of that race, setting a track record. But Mueller rallied in the second heat, thwarting West's bid for what would have been his fourth career World Cup gold. □



Austria's Matthias Mayer reacts in the finish area following his run in the men's World Cup super-G ski race at Lake Louise, Alberta, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

Olympic champion Mayer edges Paris for World Cup super-G win

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta (AP)

— Olympic champion Matthias Mayer ended Dominik Paris' victory streak to win the first World Cup super-G of the Alpine ski season on Sunday. Mayer raced down the sun-bathed Canadian course 0.40 seconds faster than Paris, who won the previous three super-G races last season, including taking gold at the world championships.

For the second time in the weekend, Italy's Paris was knocked out of the leader's box into the runner-up spot and there was another tie for third place.

Vincent Kriechmayr of Austria and Mauro Caviezel of Switzerland clocked the same time, trailing the winner by 0.49.

Mayer's sixth career World Cup win was his first in

super-G for almost three years, though the Austrian later took gold at the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Games.

"A win in the first race of the season is very important. Couldn't be better for me," said Mayer, who holds an early lead in the overall World Cup standings after four events.

Thomas Dressen followed his downhill win over Paris with a 10th place Sunday to complete his first race meeting after a one-year injury absence.

The circuit now moves to Beaver Creek, Colorado, where Dressen crashed last year in downhill, sustaining a serious right knee injury.

Travis Ganong was the highest-ranked American on Sunday in 12th place, trailing Mayer by 1.37. □

Larrazábal birdies last to clinch victory at Alfred Dunhill

MALELANE, South Africa

(AP) — Pablo Larrazábal won the European Tour's season-opening Alfred Dunhill Championship on Sunday after losing a three-shot overnight lead and then making three birdies on his last four holes for a dramatic one-stroke victory.

Larrazábal birdied the par-5 No. 18 as the Spaniard finished 8 under overall and

just ahead of Sweden's Joel Sjöholm. Larrazábal said he struggled with blisters on his feet throughout the final round, when he fell three shots behind at one point. He made a litany of errors and closed with a 75 after six bogeys and a double bogey, but his rousing finale still enabled him to clinch a fifth European Tour title and first in four years. "I woke up this morning and

I didn't think I was going to play," said Larrazábal. "I couldn't put my shoe on, I couldn't walk to the buggy. I really struggled on the back nine. I have a big blister on my right toe and I said to myself 'If Tiger can win a U.S. Open with a broken leg...' and I just fought hard."

The 36-year-old Larrazábal's victory at Leopard Creek Country Club came at the

event where he started his professional career 12 years ago.

Sjöholm's final-round 69 almost saw him through to his first European Tour victory. Charl Schwartzel (70) finished tied for third at 6 under on his return to tournament action for the first time in eight months because of a wrist injury. Branden Grace (73) and Wil Besseling (74) were also in

that tie for third. Besseling led or held a share of the lead through much of the final round but he made bogey on the last after his approach flew too far and landed among some rocks behind the green.

That opened the way for Larrazábal to win it on the last. He laid up with his second and then fired his third shot in close to tap in for birdie and the win. □

Hamilton seals easy 11th victory of F1 championship season

By JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

ABU DHABI, United Arab

Emirates (AP) — World

champion Lewis Hamilton's 11th victory of another dominant season proved so easy that the driver who finished way back in second place at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix joked that he should have eased up a bit. Hamilton's 84th career win saw him finishing around 17 seconds clear of Max Verstappen. The Red Bull driver had started from second place behind Hamilton.

"I wasn't expecting to have the pace advantage to that extent," Hamilton said. After Hamilton pulled clear from pole, he was five seconds ahead within 10 laps and Verstappen never got remotely close to catching his Mercedes in a season-finale resembling more of a coronation procession for the six-time Formula One champion.

"I do wish we had some battles," Hamilton said to Verstappen, sitting alongside him in the post-race news conference.

"You could have slowed down," Verstappen joked, after his ninth podium of the season saw him consolidate third place in the standings behind the Mercedes pair of Valtteri Bottas and Hamilton.

Although Verstappen had reliability issues approaching the midway point of the 55-lap race, the 22-year-old Dutchman conceded it had little impact on who won.

"We drove around the problem," he said. "But it wouldn't have made any difference today (in terms) of winning the race."

Hamilton is now just seven wins behind seven-time F1 champion Michael Schumacher's all-time record of 91, and could realistically overtake the F1 great next season.

After clinching a record-extending 88th career pole, Hamilton won on the Yas Marina circuit for the fifth time in his career— four with Mercedes and once when driving for McLaren in 2011.

This was the opposite of the season-ending thriller



Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain, center, celebrates on the podium with second placed Red Bull driver Max Verstappen of the Netherlands, left, and third placed Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc of Monaco after the Emirates Formula One Grand Prix at the Yas Marina racetrack in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

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in 2016, when former Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg beat Hamilton to the title in dramatic fashion.

The fans watching as the sky darkened and the floodlights flickered on saw no overtaking, except for Verstappen's clean move on Charles Leclerc's Ferrari on Lap 33. It was typical Verstappen, already a young master at overtaking and arguably the best in F1.

Leclerc finished third for a 10th podium in a strong first season with Ferrari, which included an F1-leading seven poles — two more than Hamilton and Bottas — and two wins.

However, Ferrari was summoned for a post-race investigation because there was a difference between the amount of fuel in the car declared by the team and the amount inside the car. Ferrari was found to have inaccurately declared the amount and fined 50,000 euros (\$55,000), but no action was taken against Leclerc.

Leclerc only just held off Bottas, who climbed 16 places to fourth after starting last.

Sebastian Vettel started fourth and finished fifth in a disappointing end to a season where the four-time F1 champion won only once — in Singapore — out

of 21 races. Hamilton finished with 413 points with Bottas on 326, followed by Verstappen (278), Leclerc (264) and Vettel (240).

After Hamilton's clean getaway, Verstappen was overtaken by Leclerc and just held off Vettel on the first lap, which saw Pierre Gasly's Toro Rosso sandwiched between both Racing Point cars and forced to pit for a new front wing. Ferrari pitted both drivers for new tires on the 13th lap, but while Leclerc's tire switch was relatively good, Vettel's took several seconds too long because the mechanics struggled to fit his front left tire on.

It was the latest basic mistake from Ferrari in yet another season marred by errors following similar blunders in the past two seasons.

Ferrari replaced Maurizio Arrivabene with Mattia Binotto as team principal, but Binotto has not managed to stem the flow of mistakes.

Leclerc finished fourth in the standings and Vettel was a lowly fifth.

"We didn't have the year we were hoping for, full stop. The reasons are clear, the lessons are clear and it's up to us to take them on board," said Vettel. "As a team we must perform stronger, and as an individ-

ual I can do better." Although dull, Sunday's race underlined the superiority shown by Hamilton for much of the year.

When he pitted about halfway through the race, such was his comfort zone that he still came out six seconds clear of Leclerc, while

an anxious Verstappen complained about engine, braking and throttle issues. Still, the audacious Dutchman found some extra speed to overtake Leclerc and assuredly held the Monegasque driver off as he tried to overtake him back down the right. □

Frenchman Alaphilippe wins Velo d'Or award

PARIS (AP) — Julian Alaphilippe capped a successful season during which he wore the Tour de France's yellow jersey for 14 days by winning the Velo d'Or award as the best rider of 2019 on Sunday.

Alaphilippe, who rides for the Belgian Deceuninck-Quick-Step team, became the first Frenchman to receive the award since Laurent Jalabert back in 1995.

The 27-year-old Alaphilippe amassed 12 victories in 2019, including prestigious trophies at the Milan-San Remo classic, the Strade Bianche and the Fleche Wallonne.

"I am very happy with the incredible season I've had and to receive the Velo d'Or is a beautiful way to conclude this amazing year," Alaphilippe said. "It's a great honor. It was an unforgettable campaign,

with many beautiful moments."

Alaphilippe played a key role in one of the most exciting Tour de France editions in decades this summer, challenging race favorites with flair and panache. He won two stages before eventually cracking during the final week of racing but his showmanship and unpredictable style gained him many admirers.

"I want to perform well at the start of the next season, then June and July will be big," Alaphilippe said about his goals in 2020. Next year's Tour starts on June 27 from the city of Nice.

The Velo d'Or awards are decided by an international panel of cycling journalists. Alaphilippe was voted ahead of Tour de France winner Egan Bernal and Primoz Roglic, who won the Spanish Vuelta this year. □

Fukushima melted fuel removal begins 2021, end state unknown

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's economy and industry ministry proposed a revision Monday to its decades-long road map to clean up the radioactive mess at the Fukushima nuclear power plant, which was wrecked by a massive earthquake and tsunami in 2011.

Nearly nine years after the accident, the decommissioning of the plant, where three reactors melted, remains largely an uncertainty. The revised road map, to be formally approved later this month, lacks details on how the complex should look at the end but maintains a 30- to 40-year target to finish.

A look at some of the challenges in decommissioning the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant:

MELTED FUEL DEBRIS

By far the toughest challenge is to remove the 800 tons of nuclear fuel in the three reactors that melted, fell from the cores and hardened at the bottom of their primary containment vessels.

In the past two years, plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co., or TEPCO, has made progress in gathering details mainly from two of the three reactors. In February, a small telescopic robot sent inside Unit 2



This April 23, 2019, photo, the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan, where decommissioning work is under way.

Associated Press

showed that small pieces of debris can come off and be lifted out. The milestone step of debris removal is scheduled to begin at Unit 2 by the end of 2021.

Earlier, assessment at Unit 3 was hampered by high radiation and water levels in its primary containment vessel. A robotic survey at Unit 1 was unsuccessful due to extremely high radiation levels.

Experts say a 30- to 40-year completion target for the decommissioning is too optimistic. Some have raised doubts if removing all of

the melted fuel is doable and suggest an approach like Chernobyl — contain the reactors and wait until radioactivity naturally decreases.

FUEL RODS

Together, the three melted reactors have more than 1,500 units of mostly used nuclear fuel rods still inside that must be kept cool in pools of water. They're among the highest risks at the plant because the pools are uncovered, and loss of water from structural damage or sloshing in the

event of another major earthquake could cause fuel rods inside to melt and release massive radiation. TEPCO started removing the fuel rods from the Unit 3 pool in April 2019 and aims to get all 566 removed by March 2021.

Removal of the rods from Units 1 and 2 is to begin in 2023. By 2031, TEPCO also plans to remove thousands at two other units that survived the tsunami to be stored in dry casks on the compound. More than 6,300 fuel rods were in six reactor cooling pools at the time of the accident, and only the Unit 4 pool has been emptied.

CONTAMINATED WATER

The government and TEPCO have been unable to get rid of the more than 1 million tons of radioactive water that has been treated and stored, fearing public repercussions. The utility has managed to cut the volume of water by pumping up groundwater upstream and installing a costly underground "ice wall" around the reactor buildings to keep the water from running into the area. TEPCO says it has space to store only up to 1.37 million tons until the summer of 2022, raising speculation that the water may be released after the Tokyo Olympics next year. TEPCO

and experts say the tanks get in the way of decommissioning work and they need to free up the space to build storage for debris removed and other radioactive materials. The tanks also pose risks if they were to spill out their contents in another major earthquake, tsunami or flood.

Experts say the controlled release of the water into the ocean is the only realistic option, which takes decades. For years, a government panel has been discussing methods amid opposition from fishermen and residents who fear a negative image and potential health impacts.

RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Japan has yet to develop a plan to dispose of the highly radioactive waste that will come out of the reactors. Under the road map, the government and TEPCO will compile a plan sometime after the first decade of debris removal ending in 2031.

Managing the waste will require new technologies to compact it and reduce its toxicity. TEPCO and the government say they plan to build a temporary storage site for the waste and debris that are removed from the reactors. But finding a site and getting public consent to store the waste would be almost impossible, raising doubts that the cleanup can be finished within 40 years.

WORKFORCE CONCERN

Securing a workforce for the decades-long project is a challenge, especially in a country with a rapidly aging and declining population. TEPCO has announced plans to hire foreign workers for the decommissioning under Japan's new policy allowing more unskilled foreign labor, but it put it on hold following government instructions on careful planning to address concerns about language and safety. Universities are also struggling to attract students in nuclear science, a formerly elite major that has become unpopular since the Fukushima accident.

Settlement reached in suit over video captioning at Harvard

By COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University agreed to make its website and online courses friendlier to those who are deaf or hard of hearing as part of a settlement announced Wednesday in a federal lawsuit. The suit, filed in 2015 by the National Association of the Deaf, alleged that many of Harvard's online videos, courses and podcasts did not include captions or were inaccurately transcribed. By offering the content to the public without captions, the suit alleged, Harvard was violating federal civil rights laws protecting those with disabilities.

"As Harvard learned through this lawsuit, universities and colleges are on notice that all aspects of their campus including their websites must be accessible to everyone," Howard Rosenblum, CEO

of the association, said in a statement. Harvard said it's pleased with the "amicable resolution." Expanding access to knowledge and making online learning accessible is of "vital importance" to universities across the nation, the Ivy League school said in a statement. "Our websites provide a wealth of opportunities for our community members to communicate and to share ideas, and we want these websites to be available to everyone who wishes to access them," the university said. After failing to get the case dismissed, Harvard adopted a policy in April promising to provide captions for new online videos and other educational programs beginning Dec. 1. Under the settlement, it also must add captions for existing content dating to January 2019 and must provide live captions for events that are streamed online. □

In ride-hail boom, livery cabs feel squeezed and forgotten

By CLAUDIA TORRENS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — As a livery cab driver in the Bronx for more than a decade, Orlando Lantigua knows some of his customers well. If they don't have money to pay today, they can pay him later. He often gets dispatched by his base station to pick up children and take them to school, without their parents in the car. "That's how much parents trust the base. We are part of the community," says Lantigua, a 58-year-old Dominican immigrant who lives in the Bronx.

In the outer boroughs and low-income New York neighborhoods — where yellow cabs rarely go and public transportation is sometimes sparse — residents who lack smart phones or credit cards have relied on livery cabs for generations.

But the businesses, many times owned by Latino immigrants, are dwindling rapidly: There were nearly 22,000 livery cabs in New York in 2015, and there are approximately 9,600 now, according to the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission. More than 100 livery cab bases have closed their doors since 2015, when ride-hailing apps like Uber and Lyft began to provide a large number of trips, cutting into their business. This year alone, 46 have shut down. By law, livery cabs,



Aderlin Abreu, a dispatcher at Super Class Radio Dispatch, takes calls in the Bronx borough of New York, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

which are also often used for airport trips, cannot be hailed in the street but are authorized to pick up paying passengers when booked by phone.

"We are in a serious crisis," says Cira Angeles, spokeswoman for the Livery Base Owners Association.

Lantigua says he earns less each year and spends more on complying with fees and rules.

In 2018, the City Council agreed to cap the number of vehicle licenses for ride-hailing services to reduce traffic congestion and increase drivers' salary in the wake of the explosive growth of for-hire vehicles.

But that measure, aimed at giants like Uber, has inadvertently pummeled livery cab companies, which are now asking to be exempt from the cap and be given their own specialized license, claiming that the city needs to look at them individually instead of coming up with a one-size-fits-all solution that is putting them on the path to extinction. Because of the cap, they say, they can't replace drivers who retire or who can't renew their licenses due to pending tickets. Super Class Radio Dispatch, which Lantigua drives for, had more than 250 drivers about five years ago, ac-

cording to Fidel Farrell, one of the base's owners. Now it has about 175.

"Our communities are suffering, we are losing our livelihoods because of blanket approach policies," said Angeles. Some residents in places like Washington Heights, a heavily Latino neighborhood in upper Manhattan, prefer to be transported by "the guy in the corner they have known for years," she said.

Customers of livery cabs are also used to calling a number and speaking with a dispatcher — often a multilingual one.

"For me, they are impor-

tant," said Silvia Mat, a 71-year-old Dominican immigrant and Bronx resident while walking her dog recently. "It would be a sad thing to see them go and a sad thing to see drivers without jobs."

Allan Fromberg, the Taxi and Limousine Commission's deputy commissioner for public affairs, said discussion of a new livery license class "has only just begun".

William Heinzen, TLC's acting commissioner, acknowledged recently during a hearing in City Hall that livery cabs are in a tight spot but explained that they are exempt from some of the new regulations that affect ride-hailing apps, like a cap on how long they can cruise without a fare in Manhattan's congested areas and requirements for collecting data on their rides. Heinzen said he supports the concept of a Livery Task Force, which would analyze the issue, and said the TLC has reduced many penalties for drivers.

Ydanis Rodríguez, chairman of the City Council's Transportation Committee and a former livery cab driver, is asking the city, among other things, to eliminate driver's debt associated with penalties.

"We have to treat this industry with respect and dignity because it is key for the immigrants who live here," he said. □

Merry Clickmas: Black Friday online sales hit record \$7.4B

NEW YORK (AP) — This year's Black Friday was the biggest ever for online sales, as fewer people hit the stores and shoppers rang up \$7.4 billion in transactions from their phones, computers and tablets.

That's just behind the \$7.9 billion haul of last year's Cyber Monday, which holds the one-day record for online sales, according to Adobe Analytics. Adobe measures sales at 80 of the top 100 U.S. online retailers. Adobe expects online sales to jump to another record this Cyber Monday with an estimated total of \$9.4 billion. Much of the shopping



People carry shopping bags while crossing a street in San Francisco, Friday, Nov. 29, 2019.

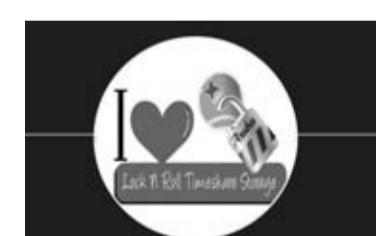
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is happening on people's phones, which accounted

for 39% of all online sales Friday and 61% of online

traffic. Shoppers have been looking for "Frozen 2" toys in particular. Other top purchases included sports video games and Apple laptops. All the online shopping may have helped thin the crowd at malls on Black Friday.

Traffic at stores fell 2.1% on Black Friday from a year ago, according to preliminary figures from Retail-Next. It tracks in-store activity at tens of thousands of locations, including specialty apparel retailers, big-box stores and mall-based stores. The drop in traffic helped lead to a 1.6% dip in sales. □



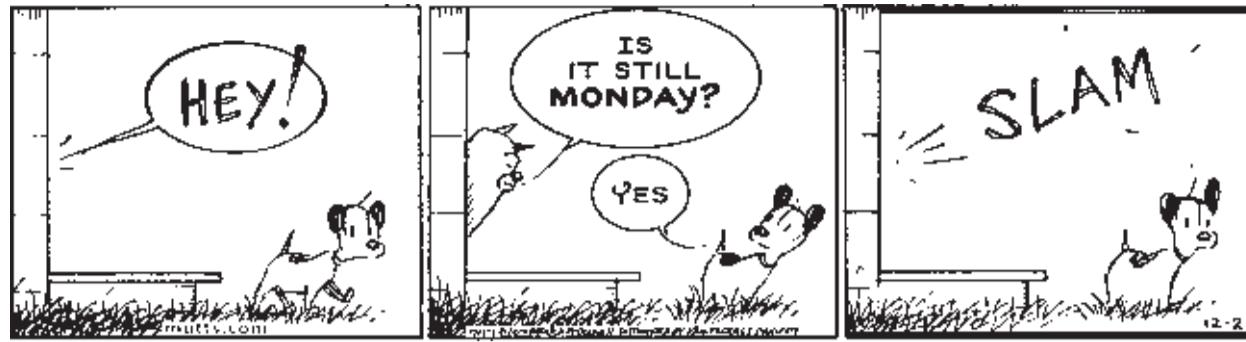
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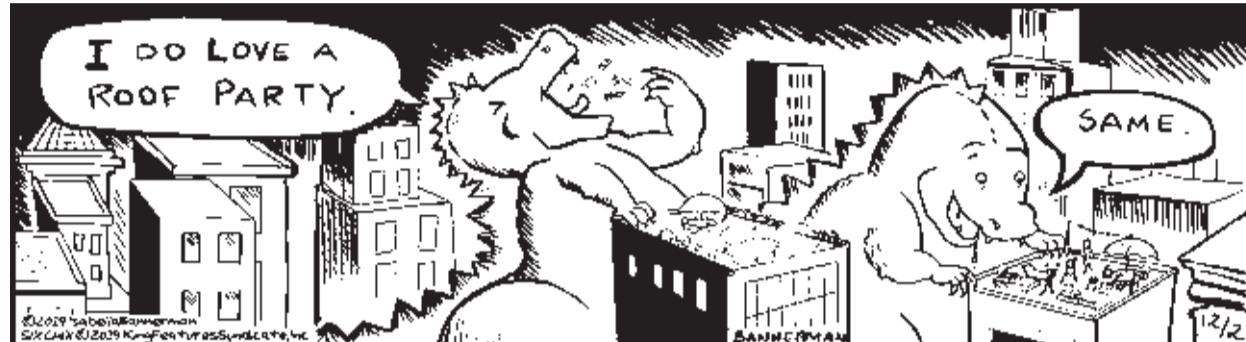
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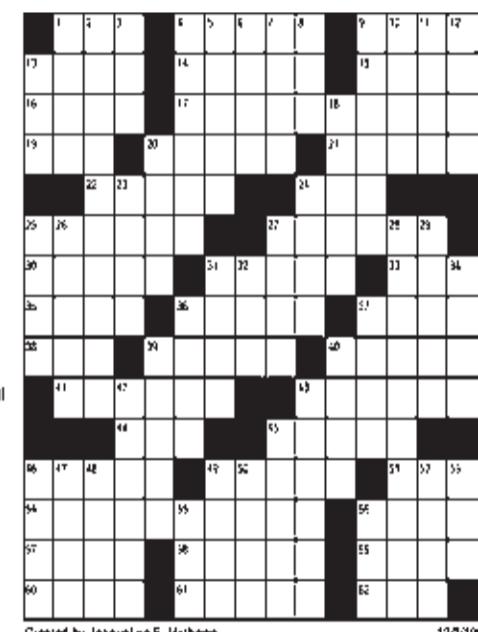
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Saturday's puzzle answer



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U.N. chief warns of 'point of no return' on climate change

By ARITZ PARRA and FRANK JORDANS

Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Sunday that the world's efforts to stop climate change have been "utterly inadequate" so far and there is a danger global warming could pass the "point of no return."

Speaking before the start Monday of a two-week international climate conference in Madrid, the U.N. chief said the impact of rising temperatures — including more extreme weather — is already being felt around the world, with dramatic consequences for humans and other species. He noted that the world has the scientific knowledge and the technical means to limit global warming, but "what is lacking is political will."

"The point of no return is no longer over the horizon," Guterres told reporters in the Spanish capital. "It is in sight and hurtling toward us."

Delegates from almost 200 countries will try to put the finishing touches on the rules governing the 2015 Paris climate accord at the Dec. 2-13 meeting, including how to create functioning international emissions trading systems and compensate poor countries for losses they suffer from rising sea levels and other consequences of climate change.

Guterres cited mounting scientific evidence for the impact that man-made emissions of greenhouse gases are already having on the planet, including record temperatures and melting polar ice.

Countries agreed in Paris four years ago to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit), ideally 1.5C (2.7F) by the end of the century compared with pre-industrial times. Already, average temperatures have increased by about 1C, leaving little room for the more ambitious target to be met.



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres arrives for a news conference at the COP25 summit in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

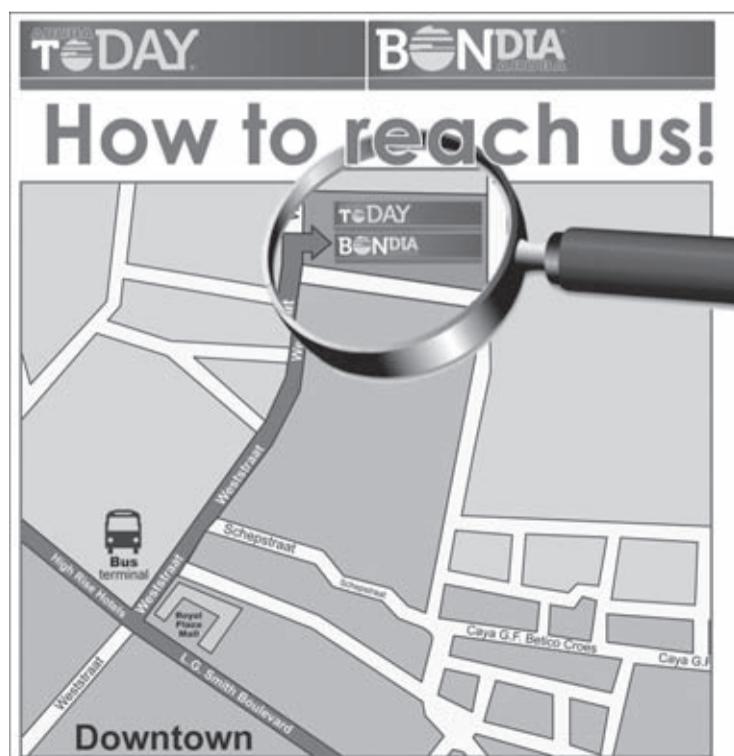
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Guterres said growing demands from citizens, particularly young people, have shown there is widespread desire for climate action. "What is still lacking is political will," he said.

"Political will to put a price on carbon. Political will to stop subsidies on fossil fuels. Political will to stop building coal power plants from 2020 onwards. Political will to shift taxation from income to carbon. Taxing pollution instead of people." Guterres noted that some 70 countries — many of them among the most vulnerable to climate change — have pledged to stop emitting more greenhouse gases by 2050. "But we also see clearly that the world's largest emitters are not pulling their weight."

And without them, our goal is unreachable," he said. The U.N. chief said he hoped the meeting in Madrid would see governments make more ambitious pledges ahead of a deadline to do so next year. He also said that creating a worldwide market for emissions, which is a key element of the sixth article of the Paris accord, remained one of the most contentious issues for negotiators. "We are here to find answers for article 6, not to find excuses," Guterres said.

Guterres also announced that outgoing Bank of England governor Mark Carney will become his new special envoy on "climate action and climate finance" from next year. □



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Warming toll: 1 degree hotter, trillions of tons of ice gone

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

Since leaders first started talking about tackling the problem of climate change, the world has spewed more heat-trapping gases, gotten hotter and suffered hundreds of extreme weather disasters. Fires have burned, ice has melted and seas have grown.

The first United Nations diplomatic conference to tackle climate change was in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. Here's what's happened to Earth since:

— The carbon dioxide level in the air has jumped from about 358 parts per million to nearly 412, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. That's a 15% rise in 27 years.

— Emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide from fossil fuel and industry jumped from 6.06 billion metric tons of carbon in 1992 to 9.87 billion metric tons in 2017, according to the Global Carbon Project. That's a 63% increase in 25 years.



In this Oct. 31, 2019, file photo, a firefighter battles the Maria Fire in Somis, Calif.

Associated Press

— The global average temperature rose a tad more than a degree Fahrenheit (0.57 degrees Celsius) in 27 years, according to NOAA.

— Since Jan. 1, 1993, there have been 212 weather disasters that cost the United States at least \$1 billion each, when adjusted for inflation.

In total, they cost \$1.45 trillion

and killed more than 10,000 people. That's an average of 7.8 such disasters per year since 1993, compared with 3.2 per year from 1980 to 1992, according to NOAA.

— The U.S. Climate Extremes Index has nearly doubled from 1992 to 2018, according to NOAA. The index takes into ac-

count far-from-normal temperatures, drought and overall dry spells, abnormal downpours.

— Nine of the 10 costliest hurricanes to hit the United States when adjusted for inflation have struck since late 1992.

The other one, Andrew at No. 6, hit in August 1992, according to NOAA. □

— The number of acres burned by wildfires in the United States has more than doubled from a five-year average of 3.3 million acres in 1992 to 7.6 million acres in 2018.

— The annual average extent of Arctic sea ice has shrunk from 4.7 million square miles (12.1 million square kilometers) in 1992 to 3.9 million square miles (10.1 million square kilometers) in 2019, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

That's a 17% decrease.

— The Greenland ice sheet lost 5.2 trillion tons (4.7 trillion metric tons) of ice from 1993 to 2018, according to a study in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

— The Antarctic ice sheet lost 3 trillion tons (2.7 trillion metric tons) of ice from 1992 to 2017, according to a study in the journal *Nature*.

— The global sea level has risen on average 2.9 millimeters a year since 1992. That's a total of 78.3 millimeters, or 3.1 inches, according to NOAA. □

Lobster catch headed for decline, not crash, scientists say



In this Sept. 5, 2018 file photo, a lobster walks over the top of a lobster trap off the coast of Biddeford, Maine.

Associated Press

By PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A pair of studies by Maine-based scientists suggest the U.S. lobster industry is headed for a period of decline, but likely not a crash. Lobster fishermen have brought in record hauls this decade, a period in which Maine catches that previously rarely topped 70 million pounds (32 million kilograms) have routinely soared above 120 million pounds (54 million kilograms). The new studies, both published with University of Maine scientists as lead authors, show a fishery in which warming waters off Maine have changed the dynamics of the lobster population.

Noah Oppenheim, author of one of the studies, said his model projects the lobster catch in the Gulf of Maine "will return to previous historical levels." That means tens of millions fewer

pounds of lobster per year, but still enough lobsters to support a robust business and supply hungry seafood lovers.

Oppenheim and colleagues base their opinion on a finding that temperature and the number of young lobsters populating shallow coastal areas allow scientists to predict what lobster catches will look like in four to six years. They published their study in the scientific journal *Ecological Applications*.

Robert Bayer, former executive director of the Lobster Institute and a scientist who was not involved in the study, said the findings square with trends he has observed in the lobster population. Maine's commitment to protecting the lobster population through conservative management has helped, Bayer said.

"The sky isn't falling," Bayer said. "We're protecting the

breeding stock." The other article states that recent high catches have been aided by an expanded area in the eastern Gulf of Maine that is especially suitable for baby lobsters to grow. The article, authored by UMaine graduate student Andrew Goode in the journal *Global Change Biology*, states that the cool deep-water habitat might have protected the baby crustaceans from the negative impacts of a warming ocean.

Both studies rely on data from the American Lobster Settlement Index, which was founded by UMaine professor Richard Wahle to get an idea of where baby lobsters are growing.

Wahle, a co-author on both studies, said they "underscore the importance of having a fine scale, local understanding of both oceanography and organism biology" in the era of climate change. □

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After time in the wilderness, Louis CK is welcomed in Israel

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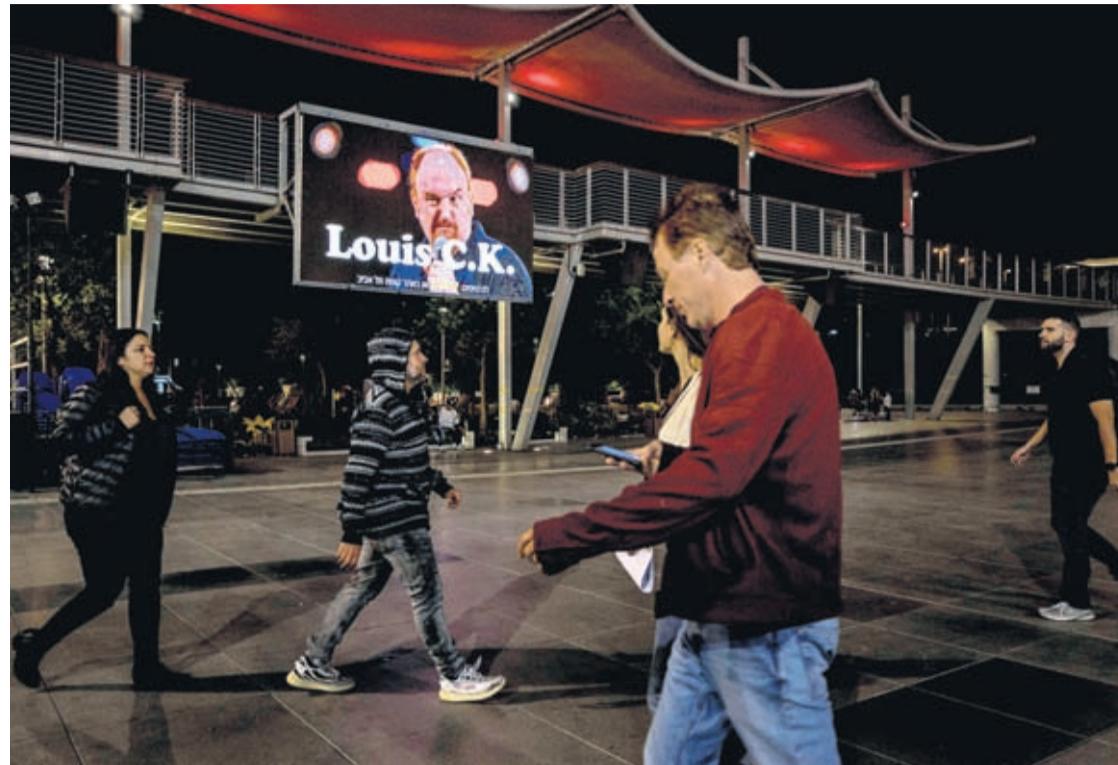
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HOLON, Israel (AP) — Two years after being swept up in the #MeToo movement and acknowledging sexual misconduct with multiple women, comedian Louis C.K. took to the stage at a nearly packed basketball arena outside Tel Aviv, where the audience seemed ready to let it go. "How have your last couple of years been?" he asked near the start of the hour-long set Thursday night, before describing himself sitting in a restaurant, eating alone, as someone at another table gives him the finger for the duration of the meal.

Later in the set, he acknowledged his transgressions, saying that even though he had asked permission before masturbating in front of women, it had been a mistake. "If they say 'yes,' then still don't do it, because it's not popular."

The 52-year-old comedian's career imploded in November 2017 after he acknowledged complaints of harassment reported by the New York Times, most of which involved him masturbating in the presence of women he knew professionally. Some of the women said they feared their careers would suffer if they discussed the incidents, which took place more than a decade ago.

C.K. released a statement after the Times report, saying "these stories are true."



In this Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 photo, Israelis walk past a billboard showing Comedian Louis C.K. in the Israeli city of Holon near Tel Aviv.

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He acknowledged abusing his power over others and causing them pain but did not publicly apologize.

Earlier this month, one of his five accusers disputed that his behavior was consensual. "We never agreed nor asked him to take all his clothes off and masturbate to completion in front of us," Julia Wolov wrote in an op-ed for the Canadian Jewish News.

The revelations, which came at the height of the #MeToo movement against sexual abuse in the workplace, led to the cancellation of C.K.'s numerous TV contracts and the scrapping of his feature-length film, "I Love You, Daddy,"

shortly before its release. The comedian vowed to "step back and take a long time to listen."

But he returned to the stage less than a year later, and is now on an international tour that includes several sold-out shows. Protesters have gathered outside some of them, including a small demonstration outside his first show in Tel Aviv organized by Kulan, a local women's advocacy group. Bracha Barad, the group's director, said those attending the show were "normalizing sexual violence." "They are basically telling him everything is OK, you're not going to pay a price for this and you will be given

a stage," she told the local Kan TV.

There were no protests Thursday outside the arena in Holon, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

Most of the more than a dozen audience members who spoke to The Associated Press had heard about the scandal. Some said they didn't know the details or that it wasn't clear whether he had done anything wrong. Several young men attending the show declined to comment. "Twitter is fragile," one muttered as he strode away. "Feminists."

The show drew an audience of around 5,000 men and women of all ages.

Most appeared to be fans who felt the severity of the misconduct was not enough to justify a boycott. "We don't support what he did to those women, but we like him as a comedian," said Asaf, who came to the show with his wife, Tal. They declined to give their last name out of privacy concerns. "It's not like he raped someone," he added.

"It's like a little bit complicated," Tal said. She noted that C.K. had reportedly asked permission before masturbating in front of the women and said it shouldn't end the career of a "genius." But she also acknowledged the pervasiveness of sexual misconduct.

She finally concluded that paying to see Louis C.K. was "like supporting animal rights and still eating meat."

C.K. alluded to the scandal on a number of occasions throughout the performance. He said he used to love New York City, his home for many years, but that now he hates it, implying it's because of the negative attention he receives. "I'd rather be in Auschwitz than New York City," he told the almost entirely Israeli audience, which broke out in laughter and applause. "I mean now, not when it was open."

The set was similar to his past material, with wry observations punctuated by raunchy and irreverent punchlines whose humor came largely from their shock value. □

Irving Burgie, songwriter of calypso hit 'Day-O,' dies at 95

By MARK KENNEDY

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NEW YORK (AP) — Composer Irving Burgie, who helped popularize Caribbean music and co-wrote the enduring Harry Belafonte hit "Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)," has died at the age of 95.

At the Barbados Independence Day Parade on Saturday, Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley announced Burgie died Friday.

"Day-O," written in 1952, has been ubiquitous, appearing in everything from the film and Broadway musical

"Beetlejuice" to an E-Trade commercial.

"Day-O" was also the wake-up call for the astronauts on two Space Shuttle missions in the 1990s.

When a superstar list of music royalty gathered to film the "We Are the World" video in 1985, most burst into a playful version of "Day-O" in between takes. Lil' Wayne used a sample of "Day-O" in his "6 Foot 7 Foot."

According to the Songwriters Hall of Fame, Burgie's songs have sold over 100 million records throughout the world.

Many were recorded by Belafonte, including eight of the 11 songs on Belafonte's 1956 album, "Calypso," the first album to sell over 1 million copies in the U.S. Burgie also penned songs for the Kingston Trio ("The Seine," "El Matador," and "The Wanderer") and for other groups.

His "Jamaica Farewell" has been recorded by Belafonte, Jimmy Buffett, Carly Simon and others. Others who have sung his songs include Mantovani, Miriam Makeba and Julio Iglesias. Burgie's classic Caribbean

standards include such familiar hits as "Island in The Sun," "Angelina," and he was co-writer of "Mary's Boy Child." He also wrote the 1963 off-Broadway musical "Ballad for Bimshire" that starred Ossie Davis.

He served in an all-black U.S. Army battalion in World War II and used GI Bill funds to pay for music studies.

Burgie studied at the Juilliard School of Music, University of Arizona and University of Southern California.

He became a folk singer using the stage name "Lord

Burgess" and performed the circuit between New York and Chicago, making his New York nightclub debut at the Village Vanguard in 1954.

After announcing his death, Mottley asked for a moment of silence for the Brooklyn-born Burgie, who wrote the lyrics to the national anthem of Barbados — his mother's homeland.

"We write our names on history's page/With expectations great/Strict guardians of our heritage/Firm craftsmen of our fate," go some of the lines of the anthem. □

'Frozen 2' ices competition again with record Thanksgiving

By ANDREW DALTON
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Frozen 2" kept a wintry wind at its back in its second week, setting a Thanksgiving record with a whopping box office bounty, while newcomer "Knives Out" found its own broad audience. Disney's new set of adventures for Anna, Elsa and Olaf brought in \$85.3 million in the U.S. and Canada over the weekend and

earned an unprecedented \$132.7 million for the holiday frame of Wednesday through Sunday, according to studio estimates. The first "Frozen" opened on Thanksgiving in 2013, but the sequel opened a week prior to the holiday, making it poised for a huge second week, with out-of-school kids happy to see it a second or a third time. "Having the opening weekend falling a few days

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This image released by Lionsgate shows Katherine Langford, from left, Toni Collette, Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon, Riki Lindholm and Jaeden Lieberher in a scene from "Knives Out."

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ahead of Thanksgiving really set it up perfectly," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for the box office tracker Comscore.

That came on top of a record-burying opening weekend of \$127 million debut domestically and \$350.2 million worldwide that made it the highest-grossing global debut for any animated film globally, and the largest opening for any for any Walt Disney Animation Studios release. The original film and its world-making song "Let It Go" became a pop-culture phenomenon, earning \$1.27 billion worldwide and selling countless Elsa and Anna dresses.

The sequel has more than showed that the six years since has brought no thaw. It has already earned \$739 million globally and should certainly surpass the original's totals.

"Disney is usually immune to the waning interest that audience have with some sequels," Dergarabedian said.

"Knives Out," the innovative whodunit from writer and director Rian Johnson, rode great reviews and strong social media buzz to a \$27 million weekend and a five-day domestic total of \$41.7 million that easily earned back its budget.

The film's vast and eclectic

cast included Ana de Armas, Christopher Plummer, Jamie Lee Curtis, Don Johnson, Michael Shannon, Toni Collette and Chris Evans.

Johnson, the director of "Looper" and "The Last Jedi," had been the target of some Twitter fanboy outrage for the direction he took the second episode in the newest "Star Wars" trilogy, whose final chapter opens next month.

The "Knives Out" opening showed his name value was unharmed and might even have been strengthened by the online noise, and its reception could mean awards season consideration for Johnson and the cast.

"First and foremost, this starts with Rian Johnson," said David Spitz, president of domestic distribution for Lionsgate. "He wrote a screenplay we all loved and executed it to perfection." In response to the strong showing, Johnson on Sunday morning tweeted

"Wow - THANKS to everyone who came to #KnivesOut this weekend, and for all the lovely tweets, you guys are the best."

While put on the calendar to draw in adults while kids were watching and re-watching "Frozen 2," "Knives Out" proved to be more than a niche picture.

"We set it with the counter-

programming expectation, this is a good adult dramedy," Spitz said.

But, he said, it turned out younger audiences had even better reactions than older ones. "It's playing to everybody," Spitz said.

While the weekend showed that there is nothing like a franchise to bring in blockbuster bucks, it also reflected that tentpoles aren't the only means to attract audiences.

"When it comes to adult fare, it seems that audiences want more originality," Dergarabedian said.

"Knives Out" also opened strong internationally with a weekend of \$28.3 million. The weekend's other newcomer, "Queen & Slim," finished down in fifth with \$11.7 million, but with a limited number of screens and a modest reported budget of about \$20 million, it was still a successful opening for the Bonnie-and-Clyde-meets-Black-Lives-Matter story.

"Ford v Ferrari" rolled along in its third weekend of release, finishing in third place with \$13.2 million.

Tom Hanks' Mister Rogers story "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" also hummed along in its second weekend, earning \$11.8 million to put it fourth at the domestic box office. □

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Loughlin's daughter returns to her popular YouTube channel

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Social media star Olivia Jade Giannulli on Sunday posted her first YouTube video since the arrest of her parents, actress Lori Loughlin and fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, made her one of the most visible figures in the college admissions scandal that ensnared dozens of wealthy parents and their children. "Welcome back to my YouTube channel, obviously I've been gone for a really long time," Jade says in the two-minute video, titled "hi again," posted to her account that has nearly 2 million subscribers.

She says she debated for months whether to return to her channel, which focused on fashion, beauty and video-diary entries about her life.

"I'm terrified to make this video and come back," Jade says, "but I want to start taking smaller steps in



In this Feb. 28, 2019 file photo, actress Lori Loughlin poses with her daughter Olivia Jade Giannulli, left, at the 2019 "An Unforgettable Evening" in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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the right direction." Loughlin and Giannulli are accused of paying \$500,000 to have their two daughters labeled as recruits to the USC crew team so they could gain admission to the school, even

though neither participated in the sport.

Charged in federal court in Massachusetts with conspiracy to commit fraud, bribery and money laundering, they have pleaded not guilty and have refused

to reach plea agreements with prosecutors as many other parents, including actress Felicity Huffman, already have done.

In her new video, Jade says she stayed away from social media because she is

legally prohibited from talking about the scandal, and it seemed pointless to appear and ignore it.

"If I can't talk about it, is there a point in coming back and not being able to say anything?" Jade says. It's not clear what legal restrictions would keep her from speaking or whether attorneys have simply advised her not to do so. Jade said the pull of social media was too strong to stay away.

"I actually really, really miss it," she says. "I feel like a huge part of me is not the same because this is something that I'm really passionate about and something I really like to do. ... I'm really excited to start filming again and start uploading again."

Jade went silent on social media after her parents' March arrest and lost advertising deals that included cosmetics retailer Sephora and hair products company TRESemme. □

Mountain village embraces its legacy as cure center for TB

By MICHAEL HILL

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SARANAC LAKE, N.Y. (AP)

— Tuberculosis put Saranac Lake on the map.

Through the middle of the 20th century, ailing people seeking a "rest cure" reclined on cottage porches in the community to take in the crisp Adirondack Mountain air. Saranac Lake grew into a mini-metropolis of medical care, with a dozen trains chugging in and out daily, a famous mountainside tuberculosis sanatorium, hotels — and three undertakers.

"It was a bustling place," said 89-year-old Howard Riley, who worked more than seven decades ago as a "tray boy," delivering food to patients. "Very, very upbeat. And that might sound funny to somebody else, because the whole place was built on a disease."

The local boom ended with the rise of effective antibiotic treatment, but residents still honor the village's novel legacy. This year, the local history group purchased the old home and medical office of TB treatment pioneer Dr. Edward Livingston Trudeau for conversion into additional museum space. Separately, developers purchased the sprawling site of Trudeau's sanatorium with plans to refurbish and reuse buildings integral to the area's past as a magnet for sick people.

"It's just still really a big part of our identity," said Amy Catania, executive director of Historic Saranac Lake. Spread by coughs and sneezes, tuberculosis typi-



This Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 photo shows the exterior of one of the Trudeau Sanatorium houses used to treat tuberculosis patients by sitting on the porch for rest and mountain air under the care of TB pioneer Dr. Edward Livingston in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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cally attacks the lungs and was among the deadliest diseases a century ago. Fever, fatigue and an awful cough are common symptoms.

Trudeau was among the sufferers who came to the Adirondack Mountains in the 19th century in the belief that rest and mountain air could help control the disease. The young doctor's health improved and he moved to Saranac Lake. He opened the Adirondack Cottage Sanitorium in 1884, beginning a literal cottage industry that lasted 70 years.

At its height, an estimated 2,000 or more patients at a time would stay locally at privately run cottages and larger institutions like

the Trudeau Sanitorium, named for its founder after his death in 1915 after battling the disease for decades.

Hundreds of old "cure cottages" still stand along the hilly streets. Many are residential homes, their distinctive open porches now enclosed. Riley pointed them out during a recent drive through the snow-covered village. "Here's a cure cottage," he said, from behind the wheel. "So is this. I mean, they're all over the place." Many patients were young men and women, who still tend to be at high risk for the disease. Some stayed in bed. Others were "up patients" who could maybe take a walk for exercise. They reclined in the open air, bundling up in fur coats when it became cold.

"You couldn't go near them. You could walk up onto the cure porch. They all knew your names and you knew theirs because it was like a big family and they were so young. ... You'd tell them about your day," said Natalie Leduc, now 89. "They were so anxious to hear everything on the outside."

Death cast a long shadow here, but a surprising number of patients shared sunny memories later on.

Anne Irene Remis, who came to Trudeau at age 23 in 1939, called her decade

at Trudeau "some of the happiest years of my life." In her contribution to the 2002 book "Portrait of Healing," she wrote fondly about fresh air, friends and kind doctors.

doctor prescribing the proper shade of lipstick to match her pajamas.

Riley and Leduc say they loved living in a busy town. Leduc met movie star James Cagney when he visited a local sanitorium that served people in show business. Riley, in addition to delivering food to patients, would run errands to buy them candy bars and — of all things — cigarettes. Both were subjected to regular chest X-rays at the local school. Riley was unfazed. "I never even thought of getting TB," Ri-

ley said. "I mean, it never crossed my mind." Then antibiotics came along, and the bottom fell out.

"That was a wonderful thing for humanity, but a terrible thing for our local economy," Catania said.

Trudeau discharged its last patient in 1954 and was purchased several years later by a corporate training group to host seminars. Saranac Lake is a more traditional tourist town today, a snow globe village surrounded by mountains and lakes. The area's past as a TB haven is highlighted at the Saranac Laboratory Museum, a brick building that was once Trudeau's lab. Historic Saranac Lake operates the museum and this past spring bought Trudeau's former home and medical practice next door. It is raising \$1.7 million for a rehabilitation of new space.

The Trudeau name lives on here through the Trudeau Institute, dedicated to the study of infectious disease. And Trudeau's great-grandson, "Doonesbury" comic strip creator Garry Trudeau, provides art annually for the village's Winter Carnival.

Developer Wayne Zukin, part of the group that bought the site this fall, said its first goal this winter is to stabilize the buildings. Different buildings on the grounds could possibly be used for retail, residences, a chef-driven inn or a brewery, he said.

"We want to save these buildings by putting them to use," he said. □



In this photo from the early 20th century provided by the Saranac Lake Free Library, tuberculosis patients rest on the porch of a sanatorium in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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This Friday, Nov. 29, 2019 shows the exterior of the Saranac Laboratory Museum and home, right, of tuberculosis pioneer Dr. Edward Livingston in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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